A TREATISE COMMUNION

BOTH SPECIES.

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ANY doubteffe will wonder that I, who cannot well endure the very Name even but of a Papist in Masquerade, should yet translate and publish a Book of popery, and this too in a point peradventure of higher concerne then any other now in debate betwen Papists and Protestants. To give therefore fome account of my proceeding herein, it is to be noted, that the Church of England (if I apprehend her doctrine aright concerning the Sacra-

ment of the last Supper) hath receded from the Tenent of the Church of Rome, not fo much in the thing received, as in the manner of receiving Christs Body and Blood: both Churches agree, that Christ our Saviour is truely, really, wholy, yea and substantially I though not exposed to our externall senses) present in the Sacrament. And thus they understand the words of Christ: This is my Body which shall be delivered for you. This is my Blood which shall be shedd for the remission of sins: my Flesh is meat indeed, and my Blood is drink indeed, &c. Only the Papists say, This reall presence is effected by Transfubstantiation of the elements; and Proteftants fay, noe; but by fome other way unintelligible to us. Nor is the adoration of Christ

acknowleged present under the formes of bread and wine fo great a Bugbcare as some peradventure imagine. For as John Calvin rightly intimates adoration is a necessary sequel to reall presence. What is more strange Calvin. de (saith he) then to place him in Corpor. Chr. Bread and yet not to adore him in Cana. there? And if JESUS-CHRIST be in the bread, tis then under the bread he ought to be adored. Much lesse is the Oblation of Christ when present upon the Altar, under the symboles, such an incongruity as to render the Breach between Papists and Protestants (by Protestants I mean Church of England men) wholy irreparable; for if Christ be really present under the confecrated species upon the Altar, why may he not so present be offered a gratefull Sacrifice to his heavenly Father, in thanksā iij

giving for bleffings received, in a propitiation for fin, and in commemoration of his Death and Passion?

1. Pet. 2. 8.

I. Cor. 11.

But the main stone of offence and Rock of scandall in this grand Affaire is Communion under one kinde, wherein the Roman Clergy are by fome heartily blamed for depriving tke Laity of halfe Christ, and halfe the Sacrament. For my part I am not for making wider Divisions already too great; nor do I approve of the spirit of those who teare Christs seamelesse Garment, by fomenting and augmenting schismes in the universall Church. Indeed I do not finde it any Part or Atticle of the Protestant faith to belceve that in the Sacrament of the Lords Supper, one halfe of Christ is in the bread, and the other halfe in the wine; but

on the contrary, that in some exigences (as of ficknesse) a man may receive under one kind or species, all Christ, and an entire Sacrament. So that upon the whole marter the difference herein betweene the Church of England and the Roman, scemes to me from the concessions of the most learned and antient Protestants (for I wave the figments of moderne Novelists) reducible in great measure to mere forme and Ceremony. It is true Christ instituted this Sacrament at his last Supper under two kinds which he did as well to fignify by a corporeall Analogy to bread and wine, the full effect and refreshment this divine food workes in the foule; as also (say the Papists) to render the Sacrifice of his Body and Blood upon the Altar, dif-

tincely commemorative or representative of his Passion; and therefore when he faid : This is my Body which is (now) given (not only to you but) for you, he added, This (not only eat but) doe (that is Offer or Sacrifice) in remembrance of mee: Hence the Christians in the Acts of the Apostles are found Ministring that is, as the Greeke text hath it, facrificing to the Lord, of which Sacrifice. Saint Paul also speaks, Wee have an Altar (faith he) whereof they have no right to eat who ferve the Tabernacle] But that Christ gave his Body seperated from his Blood under one element, and his Blood squeezed from his Body under another, and that, by consequence, he that receives under one kind receives only halfe Christ, and halfe a Sacrament, is (as

Inke. 22.

1. Cor. 11.

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Saint Austin attefts) a Fudai- fo. 6. 93call way of understanding this Mystery no wise agreable (as is before said (to the doctrine of the Church of England. Neverthelesse this Communion under one kind, though in my judgement but a bare Ceremony, yet hath beene fince the reformation alwayes regarded as a mighty eye-fore, and alleaged as one sufficient cause of a voluntary departure and seperation from the preexistent Church of Rome. Wherefore being conseious of the dreadfull guilt, danger and mischeife of Shifme, and unwilling toshutt my selfe out of Christs visible sheepfold upon dislike of a Ceremony, so to loose the substance for the shadow; after having duly examined the Arguments made by some Protestant divines against the

Papifts on this subject, I thought it prudence and justice, both to my felfe and them, to heare also what the Papists could say in their owne defence: And least I might be imposed upon by the malice or ignorance of any in a businesse of this high nature, I made choice of an Author, whose learning and vertue renders him owni exceptione major above the reach of calumny to denigrate, or even criticisme to finde a blemish in. A person who (were he not a Romanist) might justly be stiled. the Treasury of Wisdome, the Fountaine of Eloquence, the Oracle of his age. In breife to speake all in a word, 'Tis the great fames formerly Bishop of Condom now of Meaux. Whether the Author enoble the worke or the worke the Author I dare not fay, but 'tis certain that

if he write reason he deserves to be believed; if otherwise he deserves to be confuted; And however it be, 'Tis no fault (especially in Protestants who adhere to the Dictamen of their own Judgement without penning their Faith on Church-Authority) to read him, and this too without Passion or Prejudice. To which end I have here, as a friend to Truth and lover of unity, translated his Treatise into English, for the benefit of fuch as being of the same spirit with me, are yet strangers to the French language.



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UNDER

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His Question concerning the two Species, whatever is said thereof by those of the Pretended Reformed Religion, hath but an apparent difficulty, which may be solved by the constant and perpetuall practise of the Church, and by Principles assented unto by the

2 A Treatife of Communion Pretended Reformers themselves.

I shall then in this discourse lay open. 1. This Practise of the Church; 2. These Principles on which this Practise is grounded.

Thus the businesse will be cleared; for on the one side wee shall see the constant matter of Fact; and on the other side, the assured causes of it.

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THE FIRST PART.

The Practise and judgement of the Church from the first ages.

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An Explication of this Practife.

THE Practife of the Church from the Primitive times is, that Communicants recei-

under both Species.

wed under one or both kinds, without ever imagining there wanted any thing to the integrity of Communion, when they received under one alone.

It was never fo much as thought on, that the Grace annexed to the Body of our Lord was any other then that which was annexed to his Blood. He gave his Body before he gave his Blood; and it may be further concluded from the words of S. Luke, and S. Paul, that Luke. 22. he gave his Body during the v. 20. supper, and his Blood after sup- v. 24. per, in such fort that there was a confiderable interval between the two actions. Did he then suspend the effect, which his body was to produce, untill fuch time as the Apostles had received the Blood? or did they so soon as they had received the Body at the same

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A Treatise of Communion instant receive also the Grace which accompanied it, that is to fay, that of being incorporated to Jesus Christ, and nourished by his substance? Undoubtedly the later. So that the receiving of the Blood is not necessary for the Grace of the Sacrament, nor for the ground of the Mystery: The substance is there whol and entiere under one sole Species, and neither dos each of the Species, nor both togeather containe other then the same ground of sanctification and of Grace.

z. Cor. 21. 37.

S. Paul manifestly supposeth this Doctrine when he writes, that Hee who easeth this Bread or drinketh the Chalice of our Lord unworthily, is guilty of the Body and Blood of our Lord: From whence he leaveth us to draw this consequence, that if in receiving the one or the

under both Species. other unworthily wee profane them both, in receiving either of the two worthily wee participate of the Grace of both.

To this there can be no other reply, but by faying, as the Protestants also do, that the disjunctive particle or which the Apostle makes use of in the first pare of the Text, hath the force of the conjunctive, and of which he serveth himselfe in the second. This is the only answer M. Jurieux affords to Exam. de this passage, in the treatise he l'Euch. VI. lately published upon the sub-p. 483. ject of the Eucharist; and he calls our Argument a ridiculous cavill, but without ground. For though he had made it out, that these particles are sometimes taken the one for the other, yet here, where S. Paul useth them both so manifestly with defigne, in placing or in the A iij

6 A Treatise of Communion first part of his discourse, and reserving and for the second, wee must of necessity acknowledge, that by fo remarkable a distinction hewould render us attentive to some important truth; and the truth which he would here teach us is, that if after having taken worthily the confecrated Bread, wee should so forgett the Grace received, afterwards to take the facred liquor with a criminall intention, wee should be guilly not only of the blood of our Lord but also of his Body. A truth which can have no other ground then what wee lay dowen (viz) that both the one and the other part of this Sacrament have the same foundation of Grace, in such a manner as that wee cannot profane one without profaning both; nor al-To receive either of the two deunder both Species. 7
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the fanctity and vertue both of
the one and the other.

'Tis also for this reason, that from the beginning of Christianity the faithfull beleeved, that after what manner soever they communicated, whether under one or both species, the Communion had alwayes the same essicacy of vertue.

§ II.

Four authentick Customes to shew the judgement of the Primitive Church.

FOUR authentick customes for the Primitive Church demonstrate this Truth. These customs will appeare so constant, and the oppositions made against them so contradictory and vaine, that I dare avouch

2 A Treatise of Communion an expresse acknowledgement of them would not render them more indisputable.

First Custome.

Communion of the fick.

I Finde then the custome of receiving under one kind or Species in the Communion of the sick; in the Communion of infants; in domestick Communions formerly in practise when the Faithfull carryed the Eucharist home to communicate in their own houses; and lastly (a thing which will much surprize our Reformers) in the publick and solemne Communions of the Church.

These important and decisive Points have, I confesse, been frequently handled; yet peradventure all the vaine subtilities of the Ministers have not been under both Species.

fufficiently examined. God by his Grace affift us to performe this in such a manner that not only antiquity may be illustrated but that truth also may be come manifest and trium.

phant.

The first practise I insist upon, is that the fick were ufually communicated under the Species of Bread alone. The Species of wine could not be either so long or so easily referved, being too subject to alteration, and Jesus Christ would not that any thing should appeare to the sense in this mystery of Faith contrary to the ordinary course of nature. It was also too subject to be spilt, especially when it was to be carryed to many persons in places far distant, and with very little conveniency during the times of persecution. The

10 A Treatise of Communion Church therefore would at once, both facilitate the Communion of the fick, and avoid the danger of this effusion, which was never beheld without horror in all ages, as hereafter shall appeare.

c. 44. edit.

The example of Serapion re-Ruseb. l. VI. corded in the Ecclesiasticall History, makes cleare what was practifed in regard to the fick. He was in pennance: but as the law required that the Eucharist should be given to Penitents when they were in danger of death, Serapion perceiving himselfe in this state, fent to demande this holy Viaticum. The Priest, who could not carry it himselfe, gave to a young man a small parcell of the Eucharist which he ordered him to Moisten and so convey into the mouth of the old man. The youth being retourned home

under both Species. moistned the parcell of the Eucharist and at the same time infused it into the mouth of Serapion, who having by degrees swallowed it, presently gave up the Ghost. Although it appeares by this relation, that the Priest fent only to his penitent that part of the Sacrament which was folid, in that he ordained only the young man, whom he fent, to moisten it in some liquor before he gave it to the fick person, yet the good old man never complained that any thing was wanting : on the contrary, having thus communicated he departed in peace: and God who myraculoufly preserved him untill he had been partaker of this Grace, enfranchised him immediately after he had received. S. Denis Bishop of Alexandria, who lived in the third age of the Avi

Church, writ this history in a letter cited at large by Eusebius of Cæsaræa, and he writ it to a renowned Bishop, mentioning this passage as a thing then usuall, by which it is demonstrative that it was received and authorized, and moreover so holy that God was pleased to consirme it by a vi-

fible effect of his Grace.

Tho. Smith. Ep. de Ecclef. Gr. hod. stat. p. 107. 108. 2. ed. 130. Gr. scaq. The most able and ingenuous Protestants Willingly acknowledge there is no mention made, but of the consecrated Bread in this passage. M. Smitha Protestant Minister of the Church of England accordeth hereunto in a learned and judicious Treatise which he writ some yeares since; and he owneth at the same time, that there was nothing reserved but the consecrated Bread in Domestick communions, which he

under both Species. regards as the fource of that reserve which was made for the fick.

But M. de la Roque a fa- Hist. de l'Est mous Minister who has writ chapift. I. p. an history of the Eucharist, and 145. M. du Bourdieu a Minister at Du Bourd. Montpellier, who has lately deux rep. d deux Traiter dedicated to M. Claude a trea- sur le retrantife concerning the taking away coupe. of the Cupp, approved by Seconde rep. the same M. Claude, & by ano- 367. ther of his brethren, have not the same sincerity. These would willingly persuade us that this Penitent received the holy Sacrament under both kinds, and that the two species were mixed togeather, as it was often practifed, but a long time after these primitive ages, and as it is still practised in the East at the ordinary communions of the faithfull. But befides, that this mixture of the

14 A Treatife of Communion two species, so expressly seperated in the Gospel, is but a late invention and appeares no fooner then in the v I I. age, where it appeares even then only to be forbidden, as wee shall fee hereafter; the words of S. Denis Bishop of Alexandria wil not beare the interpretation of these gentlemen, saying the Priest, of whom he there speakes, doth not command to mingle the two species, but to moisten that which he gives, that is to fay without doubt the folid part, which having been kept severall dayes for the vse of the fick according to the perpetual custome of the Church, stood need of being moistned in some liquor that it might enter the parched throat of an agonizing man.

The same reason makes the Fathers of the III. Council of

under both Species. Carthage, to which S. August Conc. Carthag. tin subscribed, say, that the 1. 3. Conc. ult. Eucharist must be infused into edit. Parif. the mouth of a dying man: infundi ori ejus Eucharistiam. This word infused, infundi, dos not denote the blood alone, as it might be imagined; for from what has been faid out of Eusebius and the history of Serapion wee find, that although the confecrated bread and the solid part of the Blesfed Sacrament were only given, yet they expressed it by infusion when they gave it steeped in any liquor for its more easy reception only. And Rufinus, who writ in the time of the III. Hift. Eccl. Council of Carthage, in his Eufeb. Ruftranslation of Eusebius expres-cap. 34. ses Serapions communion no other wife then the Council, faying that they caused a little of the Eucharist to be infused

16 A Treatise of Communion into his mouth: Parum Eucharistia infusum jussit seni praberi. The which demonstrates the custome of these primitive times, and explicates what was meant by this infusion of the Eucharist.

It is the interest of Truth only which obliges me to make this remarke, seing in the substance it imports little to our subject, wheather the body or the blood alone were given to the fick, and that in short it is still to communicate under one species alone. For as to the distribution of the two species mixed togeather, I feare not that any one who is fincere (if never so little read in antiquity) should imagine it to have beene in use in these primitive times, during which it appeares not upon any account that so much as the Idea

under both Species. was had of it. The History of Serapion makes it sufficiently appeare, that the confecrated bread alone was carryed from the Preist to the fick; and that it was in the fick mans house they moistned it, to the end he might swallow it with more ease; and that they were so far from the thought of mingling it with the blood, that they mad use of another liquor to steepe it in a common liquor taken at the house of the fick. In fine, this distribution of the body and blood mixed togeather begins not to appeare till the vII. age in the Coun- Conc. Brac. cil of Brague, where it is mo- il. ult. edit. reover forbidden by an expres- 6. 2. se Canon. From whence it is easy to comprehend how much a coustume, which at first appeares only in the vii. age in a Canon which disapproves it,

is short not only of the third age, and the time of S. Denis of Alexandria, but likewise of the fourth and that of the third Council of Carthage, (viz) three or four hundred yeares.

Wee shall see, in another place, hwo much difficulty was made to admit of the establishment of this mixture even in the x. and x 1. age especially in the Latine Church; and this will ferve as a new argument to demonstrate how little it was thought of in the primitive times, and in the III. Council of Carthage: from whence may be undoubtfully gathered that the Communion which was there ordained for the fick was, without doubt, under one species, and moreover, like that of Serapions, under the species of bread only.

Neither will there be any

under both Species. difficulty to acknowledge this when we reflect upon the manner how S. Ambrose communicated at his death in the fame age. Wee have the life of this Great man writ at the intreaty of S. Augustin and dedicated to him by Paulinus S.Ambroses Deacon and Secretary (whom Erasmus improperly confounds with the great Saint Paulinus Bishop of Nole) in which he relates that S. Honoratus the famous Bishop of Verceil, who was come to affift this Saint at his death, heard this voice three times during the slence of the night. Rife, stay not, he is going to dye. He went down, presented him the body of our Lord, and the Saint had no sooner received it but he gave up the ghoft. Who dos not fee that this great Saint is represented to us, as one for whom God

20 A Treatife of Communion took care that he should dye in a state where nothing more could be defired, feeing he had just received the body of his Lord? And at the same time who would not beleeve, that he had communicated aright in receiving after the same manner that Saint Ambrose did in dying; after the same manner that Saint Honoratus gave it; after the same manner it was writ to Saint Augustin; and after the same manner the whole Church faw it, without finding therein any thing of new or extraordinary.

Georg. Calixt.
disp. cont.
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The subtility of the Protestants is at a losse about this passage. The samous George Calixte, the most able amongst the Lutherans of our times, and he who has writ the most learnedly upon the two species against us, sustaines, that

under both Species. Saint Ambrose received in both kinds; and for an answer to Paulinus, who relates only, that the body was given him which he had no sooner received but he gave up the Ghost; this subtile Minister has recourse to a Grammaticall figure called Synecdoche which puts the part for the whole, without ever so much as offering to bring us one example of fuch a kind of speech in a like occasion. Oh strange effect of a prejudicate opinion! Wee see in the Communion of Serapion an affured example of one only species, where the restriction of the figure Synecdoche cannot have the least admittance, seeing Saint Denis of Alexandria expresses so precisely, that the bread and solid part alone was given. Wee finde the same language and the same thing in the Council

22 A Treatise of Communion of Carthage, and wee see at the same time Saint Ambroses communion, in which there is no mention of any thing but the body. Nay further (for I may well here presuppose what I shall presently demonstrate) all ages shew us nothing but the body alone referved for the ordinary communion of the fick : and yet this consequence must not be allowed, and a Synecdoche without aledging one example must be preferred to fo many examples that are received. What blindnesse, or rather what cavill is this!

If these Gentlemen would act sincerely and not study how to evade rather, then to instruct, they would see that it dos not suffise to alledge at random the figure Synecdoche, and to say that it is ordinary, by the use of this figure, to

under both Species. expresse the whole by its part. All things are eluded by these meanes, and nothing of certain is left in speech. A man must come to the matter proposed in particular, and to the place under debate. He must examin, for example, weather the figure he would apply to this relation of Paulinus, be found in any other of the like nature, and weather it agree in particular to that of this Historian. Calixt dos nothing of all this because all this would only have served to confound him.

And at the very first sight it is cleare and certain the figure of which he speakes is not one of those which are common in ordinary speech, as when wee say to eat togeather, to expresse the whole feast, and to drink as wel as to eat, or as the He-

24 A Treatise of Communion brews mentioned bread alone to expresse in generall the whole nourishment. It is not the custome of Ecclesiasticall language, nor in common use to name the body alone to expreffe the body and the blood, feing on the contrary we may finde passages in every page of the fathers, where the distribution of the body and blood is related in expressely naming the one and the other; and it may be for certain held that this is the ordinary practice.

But without tiring our selves unprofitabley in the search of those passages where the Fathers may have mentioned the one without the other, nor the particular reasons which might have obliged them to it; I will say (sticking to the Examples debated of in this place) that I have never seen any relation,

where

where in recounting the distribution of the body and the blood, they have expressed only one of the two.

And if I have not observed any example of this, neither has Calixte remarked any such more then I; And what ought to make any one believe that there is none, is that a man, so carefull as he has been to heap togeather all he can against us, has not beene able to finde any.

I finde also M. du Bourdieu Du Bourd.

(who has writ since him, and ch. 17. p. 317.

read him so well that he followes him almost throughout, and therefore ought to have supplyed his defects) tells us, not upon occasion of Paulinus and Saint Ambrose but upon occasion of Tertullien, that if this Father in speaking of Domestick Communion (of which

26 A Treatise of Communion wee shall also treat in its proper place) has mentioned nothing but the body and confecrated bread, without naming the blood or the wine, it is that he expreses the whole by the part, and that there is nothing more common in books and ordinary in humain language. But I find not, that in the matter wee treat of, and in the relation which is made of the diftribution of the Eucharist, he has found in the Fathers, any more then Calixte, one fingle example of an expression, which according to him should be fo common.

Behold two Ministers in the same perplexity Calixtes finds the body alone mentioned in the communion of the sick, and M. du Bourdieu the same in domestick communion. Wee are not astonished at it: wee

under both Species. beleeve that the body alone was given in both these Communions: These Ministers will beleeve nothing of it : both of them bring the figure Synecdoche where by to fave themselves: both of them are equally destitute of Examples in the like cases: What therefore remaines but to conclude, that their Synecdoche is but imaginary, and that in particular, if Saint Paulinus speake only of the body in the Communion of Saint Ambrose, it is in effect that Saint Ambrose did receive nothing but the body only, according to cuftome? If he tell us that this great man expired immediately after having received, wee must not here search after subtilityes, nor fancy to our felwes a figure: It is the fimple truth and matter of fact which.

makes him thus plainly relate

what passed.

But to the end wee may compleat the conviction of these Ministers, supposing that their Synecdoche is as common in fuch like cases as it is rare or rather unheard of : let us fe whether it agree with the paffage in question, and with the History of Saint Ambrose. Paulinus sayes, S. Honoratus being gone to repose during the silence of the night, a voice from heaven advertised him that his sick man was going to expire; that he immediately went down, presented him with the body of our Lord, and that the Saint give up the Ghost presently after having received it. How comes it to pass that he did not rather say that he dyed immediately after having received the pretious blood, if the thing hapned

under both Species. really so? Were it as ordinary as Calixtus would have it, to expresse only the body, to fignify the receiving of the body and the blood, by this figure, which puts the part for the whole: it is as naturall also, for the same reason and by the same figure, the blood alone should be sometimes made use of to expresse the receiving under both the one and the other species. But if ever this should have hapned, it ought to have been cheefly upon the occasion of this Communion of Saint Ambrose and of the relation which Paulinus has left us of it. For fince he would shew the receiving of the Eucharist so immediately fallowed by the death of the Saint, and would represent this great man dying as another Moyses in the embraces of his

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Lord; If he intended to abridge his discourse, he should have done it in abridging and shuning in the relation of that part or action wherein this Holy Bishop terminated his life, that is to fay in the reception of the blood, which is alwayes the last; and the rather because this supposed the other, and it would have beene in effect immediatly after this, that the Saint rendred up his blessed soule to God. Nothing would have so much struck the senses; nothing would have been so strongly printed in the memory; nothing would have presented it selfe sooner to the thoughts and nothing by confequence would have run more naturally in discourse. If therefore no mention of the blood be found in this historian, it is indeed because Saint

Ambrose did not receive it.

Calixtus foresaw verry well, thid. that the recitate of Paulinus would forme this idea naturally in the readers mindes, and it is thereupon that he adds, it may verry well be that they carryed to the Saint the pretious blood togeather with the body as equally necessary, but that Saint Ambrose had not the time to receave it being prevented by death: Oh unhappy refuge in a desperate cause! If Paulinus had this idea; instead of representing us his holy Bishop as a man who by a speciall care of the Divine Providence dyed with all the helps which a Christian could wish for, he would on the contrary by some word have denoted, that notwithstanding this heavenly advertissement, and the extreame diligence of

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S. Honoratus, a sodain death had deprived this sick Saint of the blood of his Master and of so essentiall at part of the Sacrament. But they had not these Ideas in those times, and the Saints believed they gave and received all, in the body

only.

Thus the two answers of Calixtus are equally vaine. In like manner M. du Bourdieu his great follower has not dared to expresse eather the one or the other, and in that perplexitay whereinto so pecife teftimony had thrown him he endeavours to fave himselfe by answering only that. Saint Ambrose received the communion as he could; not dreaming that he had immediately before said they had given the two species to Serapion, and that, if it had been the custome, it

Du Bourd. rép. chap. 13. P. 378.

under both Species. would not have been more difficult to give them to Saint Ambrose. Moreover if they had beleived them inseparable as these Ministers with all those of their religon pretend, it is cleare that they would raither have resolved to give neither of the two, then to give only one. Thus all the answers of these Ministers are turned against themselves, and M. du Bourdieu cannot fight against us without fighting against himselfe.

He has notwithstanding found another expedient to weaken the authority of this passage, and is not afraid, in so knowing an age as this is, to write that before this example of Saint Ibid. Ambrose there is not any tract to be found of the Communion of the fick in any words of the ansients. The testimony of Saint Justin,

34 A Treatife of Communion who in his second Apologie sayes they carryed the Eucharist to those that were absent touches him not: For Saint Justin, sayes he, has not expressely specifyed the fick; as if their sicknesse had been a sufficient cause to deprive them of this common confolation, and not raither a new motive to give it them. But what becomes of the example of Serapion? Is it not clearly enough faid that he was fick, and dying? Tis true: but the reason was, because he was one of those who had sacrififed to Idols, and one that was ranked amongst the penitents. He must have been an Idolator to merit to receive the Eucharist in dying, and the faithfull who during the whole course of their lives have never been excluded from the participation of this Sacrament by any crime, must

Ibid. 38 2.

under both Species. be excluded at their death. when they have the most need of fuch a fuccour. And thus a man amuses himselfe, and thinks he has done a learned exploit when he heaps togeather, as this Minister does, the examples of dyinh persons where there is no mention made of communion; without refle-Ainh that in these descriptions wee often omit that which is most common, and that probably wees hould not have known by this testimony of Paulinus that his Bishop had communicated, if this writer had not intended to shew us the particular care which God tooke to procure him this grace.

But is this Minister ignorant that in these occasions one only positive testimony renverses the whole fabrik of these negative arguments, which they

36 A Treatife of Communion. build with so much industry upon nothing? and is it poffible he should not lee that the example alone of Saint Ambrose shews us an established custome, seeing that so soon as Saint Honoratus knew this great man was dying, he understood, without having need that the Eucharist should be mentioned to him, that it was time to carry it to this fick Saint? No matter: The Minifters would have one to doubt of this custome, to the end they may give some resemblance of fingularity and novelty to a communion, which was but too clearly given to a Saint, and by a Saint, under one species. And what shall wee fay Ediat. 1.163. to Calixtus who feems to be astonished that wee dare count Saint Ambrose amongst those who communicated under one facies

in dying? Is it not effect an unheard of baldnesse to say this after a grave Historian who had been an eye witnesse of what he writes, and who sent his history to Saint Augustin, after having writ it at his intreaty? But the businesse is they must be able to say they have answered; and when they are at a non plus it is then the most considence must be showen.

In a word, we finde in Paulinus nothing but the common customes of the Church which every where makes no mention but of the body, when it mentions that which was kept for the sick. The secound Councone. Tur. II. cil of Tours celebrated in the c. 3. Tom. I. yeare 567. ordaines that the body of our Lord should be placed upon the Altar, not in the rank of the Images, non in

38 A Treatise of Communion imaginario ordine, but under the figure of the Crosse, sed sub Crucis titulo.

By the way it may be noted that there were Images placed in the Churches, and that there was a Crosse during these primitive ages: it was under this sigure of the Crosse they reserved the body of our Lord, and the body only; for this reason peradventure it is, that Gregory of Tours at the same tyme this Council was held, tells us of certaine Vessalls or Tabernacles.

> By the Ordinance of Hincmarus the famous Archibishop of Reims who lived in the 1x.

under both Species. age, there ought to be a box cap. Hinewhere the holy oblation for the mar. art. Viaticum of the fick should be II. Conc. Gall. decently conserved : both the box and the word it felfe of boly Leo IV. Home. oblation shew sufficiently to Tom. VIII. those who understand Eccle- T. II. p. 262 hafticall language, that only the body was there meant which was ordinarily expressed by this name, or by that of Communion, or simply by that of the Eucharift. The blood was expressed either by its naturall name, or by that of the Chalice.

wee finde in the fame times this.

a Decree of Leo the IV. where
after having spoke of the body and blood for the ordinary communion of the faithfull,
when he treats of the sick he
speaks only of the box, where
the Body of our Lord was kept
for their Viaticum.

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This Ordinance is repeated in the following age by the famous Rathierus Bishop of Verone; and some time after, under King Robert, a Council held at Orleans speakes of the ashes of an infant that was burnt, which some abominable heriticks hept with as much veneration as Christian piety observes in the custome of keeping the body of our Lord for the Viaticum of the fick. Wee finde here also the body and the blood expressed in the Ordinary communion of the Faithfull, and the body only for that of the fick.

Bib. P.P. part. T. de div. off.

Geft. Concil. Aurel. ibid.

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To all these authorityes wee must joyne here that of the Ordo Romanus, which is not little, seing it is the antient Ceremonial of the Roman Church cited and explicated by authors eight or nine hundred

under both Species. yeares fince. Wee see there in two places the confecrated bread divided into three parts, the one to be distributed to the people, the other to be put into the Chalice, not for the communion of the people, but for the Priest alone, after he had taken the confecrated bread feparately, as wee do at this prefent, and the third to be referved upon the Altar. It was this they kept for the fick, which was for that reason called the dying peoples part, as the Mi- Microlog. de crologist an author of the Ecc. observ. eleventh age fayes, and was Max. 616. consecrated in honour of the buriall of JESUS-CHRIST. as the two other parts reprefented his conversation upon Earth and his refurrection. Thofe who have read the antient interpreters of the Ecclesiasticall Ceremonyes understand

42 A Treatise of Communion this language and the mystery of these holy Ceremonyes.

The Author of the life of Saint Basile observes likewise, that this great man separated the consecrated bread into three Amphil. vit. parts the third of which he hung over the Altar in a Dove of Gold he had caused to be made. This third part of the confecrated bread which he ordered to be placed there, was manifestly that which was referved for the fick, and thefe Doves of gold to hang over the Altars are antient in the Greeke Church, as it appeares by a Council of Constantinople held by Mennas under the Empire of Justinien. Wee see likewise these Doves amongst the Latins, neere the same time: all our Authors make mention of them; and the will of Perpetuus Bishp of Tours re-

S. Befil.

Conc. Conft. Menna ad s. T. V. Conc.

markes amongst the vessells and Test. Perp. instruments made use of in the T.V. Spicil. Sacrifice, a Dove of silver wherein to keepe the Blessed Sacriment, ad repositorium.

Furthermore, without tying my selfe to the name of Amphilochius S. Bafils Contemporary, to whom the life of this Saint is attributed, I will admit that the passage taken out of this life proves only for that time in which this History was writ, let who will be the author of it. Let them say moreover if they will, that this Author attributes to S. Basil the practife of those times in which this life was composed; yet is it enough in either case to confirme what is otherwise certain. that the custome of referving the species of Bread only for the fick, is of great antiquity in the Greeke Church, feing

44 A Treatife of Communion that the life of Saint Basil is found already translated into Latin in the time of Charles the bald, and cited by Eneas Par.lib. adv . Bishop of Paris renowned in these times for his piety and Spic. p. 8 0. learning, who moreover quotes the very place in this life where mention is made of thefe Doves, and of the Sacrament of our Lord kept therein and hung over the Altar.

Anaft. Bib. vit. Leon. III. T. II. Conc. Gal.

Eneas Ep.

Grac. T. IV.

Hereunto may be reduced those Ciboriums mentioned amongst the presents which Charlemagne gave to the Roman Church; and all antiquity is full of the like examples.

And to the end the Tradition of the first and last ages may appeare conformable to each other, as wee have feen in the first ages, in the history of Serapion, and in the Council of Carthage, that in communicating the fick under the species of bread only, they moistned it in some liqueur: so does the same custome ap-

peare in after ages.

Wee see this above fix hun- Ant. Consuet. dred yeares fince in the an-c.28.Tom.IV. tient customs of Clugny, col-Spicil. lected at that time out of most antient memorials by S. Udalricus a Monke of this Order, and the Minister de la Roque Hist. Euch. in his history of the Eucharist 1. P. c. 16. cites this booke without any reproche. It is remarked in this booke that the infirme Religious received the body only, which was given to them steeped in unconsecrated wine. There wee finde also a cupp in which it was steeped, and thus it was the Religious of the most famous and most holy Monastery in the world communicated their fick. By this

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Gonft. Odon. Parif. Epifc. E. S. art. 3. T. X. Conc.

Conft. Episc. anon. T. XI. Syn. Bajoc. £. 77. ibid. 3. p.

wee may judge of the custome of the rest of the Church. In fine wee find every where mention of this cupp which was carryed for the communion of the fick, but which was made use of only to give them the consecrated bread moistned in common wine to facilitate the passage of this hea-

venly food.

The Greeks also retained this tradition as well as the Latins: and as their inviolable custome is not to Confecrate the Eucharist for the sick but upon holy Thursday only, they mixe the species of bread, wholy dryed during so long a time, either with water or unconfecrated wine. As for confecrated wine it is manifest it could not be kept so long especially in those hot countryes, so that their custome of consecrating

for the fick only one day in the yeare, obliged them to communicate them under one only species, that is under that of bread which they could keepe without difficulty their Sacrifice in leavened bread keeping better them ours in unleavened, especially after the drying wee lately mentioned.

It is true (for wee will diffemble nothing) that at present they make a Crosse with the pretious blood upon the confectated bread which they referve for the sick. But besides that this is not to give the blood of our Lord to drink as it is expressed in the Gospell, nor to marke the seperation of the body and the blood, which alone perswades our Reformers of the necessity of the two species: It abundantly appeares that at the yeares end

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nothing remains of one or two drops of the pretious blood which they put upon the heavenly bread, and that there is nothing left for the fick but one only species. To which wee must add, that after all, this custome of the Greeks to mixe a little of the blood with the facred Body (concerning which wee fee nothing in their antient Fathers or Canons) is new amongst them; and wee shall finde some occasion to make this more clearely appeare in the following difcourse.

Those who deny every thing, may deny these observances of the Greeke Church; but they do not therefore cease to be indubitable, and no one can deny it without a wonderfull insincerity, if he be never so little read in the Euchologes

under both Species. 49 of the Greeks, or instructed concerning their rights.

And as for the Latin Church, Conc. fub Edg. the Councils are full of necesfary precautions for the con- p. 628. ferving of the Body of our c. 2. ibid. Lord, the carrying it with ref- p. \$65. pect and a convenient deco- Paris. Episc. rum, and to cause a due ado- T.X.p. 1802. ration to be rendred to it by the people. They speake like- 1. p. wife of the box and linnen in Ep. X. ibid. t. which it was kept, and of the care which the Priests ought Syn. Exon. to have to renew the Hosts every eight dayes, and to con- e. 12. 77. summate the old ones before they drunke the holy cup. Conc. Vaur. They ordaine likewife how those Hosts, which had been kept too long, should be burnt, and the ashes reserved under the Altar, without so much as ever speaking, amongst so many observances, either of vialls

Rege Can. 38. T. IX. Conc. Conc. Bitur. Constit. Odon. Conflit. Epifc. anon. T. XI. Innoc. IV. Conc. Lambeth. c. 1.ibid. c. 4. ibid. 2.p. Synod. Bajoc. Conc. Ravenn. II. Rub. VII. 6. 85. ibid.

to conserve the pretious Blood in, or of any precautions for the keeping of it, although it be given us under a species much more capable of alteration.

Wee may aledge also upon the same account a Canon, which all the Ministers object against us: It is a Canon of the Council of Tours, which wee finde not in the volumes of the Councils, but in Burchard and Yvo of Chartres collectors of the Canons of the eleaventh age. This Canon as well, as others fayes, that the holy oblation which is kept for the sick, that is the species of bread as appeares by what followes, ought to be renewed every eight dayes: but id adds, which wee finde no where else in the West, that it must be dipped in the blood to the end it may be said truly that the body and blood is given.

Burch. Coll. Can. l. V. c. 9. Two dec. 11. P. c. 19. under both Species. 51

If this Canon gave us any Aubert. de difficulty, wee might fay with in Exam. Pii. Aubertin, what is very true, p. 281. that Burchard and Tvo of Charters collected many things togeather without choice or judgement, and that they give us many peices as antient which are not such. But to act in every thing which fincerity, it may be faid, that this Canon so exactly transcribed by these Authors is not false, as also that it is none of those which were admitted, fince wee fee nothing like it in all the others.

Moreover this Canon which does not appeare but in above named collections for certain was not made any long time before, and the fole mixing of the body and blood shews sufficiently how far short it is of the first antiquity. But let it be in what time it will, it is ap-

52 A Treatife of Communion parent that before it was made it was the custome to name the body and blood even in giving the body only, and this by the naturall union of the substance and the Grace both of the one and the other. Wee see neverthelesse that this Council had some scrupule concerning this matter, and beleeved that in expressing the two species, they ought both of them to be given in some manner. In effect, it is true, that in some fence, to be able to call it the body and the blood the two species must be given, because the naturall dessine of this expression is to denote that which each of them containes in vertue of the Institution. But it will be granted me that to mix them in this manner, and let them dry for eight dayes togeather was but a very weake

under both Species. meanes to conferve the two fpecies; and how ever it be this part of the Canon which containes a custome so particular, cannot be a prejudice to so many decrees, where wee fee not only nothing resembling it, but moreover quite the con-

trary.

That which is most certain is that this Canon makes it appeare they did not beleeve the holy liquor could with ease be conserved in its proper species, and that their endeavours were cheefely to conserve the consecrated bread. As to the other part which regards the mixture, what wee have faid tooching the Grecians may be applyed here; and all the fubtility of the Ministers cannot hinder but it will alwayes be certain by this Cannon, that they never beleeved themselves

54 A. Treatise of Communion bound either to make the perfon communicating drink, or to give him the blood seperated from the body, to denote the violent death of our Lord. or lastly to give him in effect any liquor at all feing after eight dayes, it is sufficiently cleare there remained nothing of the oblation but the drye and solid part. So that this Canon so much boasted of by the Ministers without concluding any thing against us, serves only to shew that liberty which the Churches thought them felves to have in the adminiftration of the facred species of the Eucharift.

After all these remarks wee have made, it must passe for constant and undeniable, that neither the Greeks nor the Latins ever believed, that all that is writt in the Gospell too-

ching the communion under two species, was essentiall and expressely commanded; and that, on the contrary, it was allwayes believed even from the first ages that one sole species was sufficient for a true communion seing that the custome was to keepe nothing for, nor give nothing to the sick, but one only.

It serves for nothing to object, that the two species were frequently carryed to the sick, and more over in generall that they were carryed to those that were absent. Saint Justin, Just. Apol. 1. I owne is expresse in this matter: But why do they alledge to us these passages which serve for nothing? It is one thing to say, as Saint Justin does, that the two species of the Sacrament were carryed at the same time (as M. de la Roque speaks)

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Hift. de l'En- it was celebrated in the Church: charift. 1. P. and another thing, to say they c. 15. p. 176.

could referve them fo long a time as was necessary for the fick, and that it was the cuftome to do fo, especially in a time when persecution permitted not frequent Ecclesiasticall

ed Ruft.

Hier. Ep. IV. affemblyes. The same thing must be said of Saint Exuperius Bifhop of Toulouze, of whom Saint Hierome writ, that after he had fold all the rich veffells of the Church to redeeme captives and solace the poor, he carryed the Body of our Lord in a basket, and the Blood in a veffell of glaffe. He carryed them sayes S. Hierome, but he does not fay he kept them, which is our question : And I acknowledge that when there was any fick persons to be communicated, in those circumstances where they could commodiously re-

under both Species. ceive both the species without being at all changed, they made no difficulty in it. But it is no lesse certain, by the common deposition of so many testimonys, that where as the species of wine could not be kept with ease, the ordinary communion of the fick, like that of Serapion and Saint Ambrose, was under the fole species of bread.

In effect, wee read in the li- Hift. Fr. fe of Louis the VI. called the Script. T.IV. Groffe, written by Sugerus Abbot of Saint Denis, that in the last sicknesse of this Prince the Body and Blood of our Lord was carryed to him, but wee fee there also that this faithfull Historien thought himselfe obliged to render the reason of it, and to advertise, that it was as they came from saying Masse, and that they carryed it devoutly in procession to

5'8 A Treatife of Communion his chamber: which ought to make us understand in what manner it was used out of the-

se conjunctures.

But that which putts the thing out of all doubt is, that in substance M. de la Roque agrees with us as to the matter of fact in debate. There is no more difficulty to communicate the fick under the fole species of bread, then under that of wine only, a practife which this curious observer shews us in the vii. age in the eleaventh Council of Toledo Canon XI. He sayes as much of the eleavent age and of Pope Paschalis II. by whom he makes the fame thing to be permitted for little infants. Hee is so far from disapproving these practises that he is carefull to defend them, and excuses them himselfe upon an invincible necessity, as if

Hift. Euch. I. p. ch. 12. P. 150. 160. Conc. Tolet. XI.

Pasch. II. Ep. 32 . ad Pont.

a parcel of the sacred bread could not be so steeped that a sick person or even an infant might swallow it almost as easily as wine. But the businesse was that he must finde some excuse to hinder us from concluding, from his own observations, that the Church believed she had a full liberty to give one species only, without any prejudice to the integrety of communion.

Behold what wee finde tooching the communion of the fick in the tradition of all ages. If some of these practises which I have observed concerning that veneration which was payed to the Eucharist astonish owr reformers, and appeare new to them, I engage my selfe, to shew them shortly, and in few words, (for it is not difficult) that the ori-

60 A Treatife of Communion ginall of it is antient in the Church, or reather that it never had a beginning. But at present (that wee may not quit our matter) it is sufficient for me to shew them, (only by comparing the customes of the first and last ages) a continuall Tradition of communicating the fick ordinarily under the fole species of bread; although the Church alwayes tender to her children, if she had beleeved both the species necessary, would rather have had them confectated extraordinarily in the fick persons chamber, as it has been often actually pradised, then to deprive them of this succour : on the contrary she would have given them so much the rather to dying persons by how much they had a greater combate to sustain, and at the article of

Capit. Anytonis Bafil. Epifc. temp. Car. Mag. cap. 4. T.VI. Spicil. death the most need of their Viaticum.

Laftly, I do not believe the Gentlemen of the pretended Reformation will raife us here any difficultyes upon the change of the species of which wee shall have occasion to speake often in this discourse. Those Cavils with which they fill their books upon this point, regard not our question, but that of the reall presence, from whence also, to speake candidly, they ought to have been retrenched long fince; it being cleare, as I have already remarked, that the Son of God who would not in this Mystery do any myracle, apparent as fuch to the senses ought not to suffer himselfe to be obliged to discover in any conjuncture what ever that which he defigned expressely to hide

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from our fenses, nor by consequence to change what ordinarily happens to the matter which it has pleased him to make use of to the end he might leave his body and blood to the faithfull.

There is no man of reason who with a little reflection, will not of his own accord enter into the same sentiment, and at the same time grant that these pretended undecencyes, which are brough against us with fo much feeming applause, avail only to moove the humain senses; but in reality they are too much below the Majesty of Jesus-Christ, to hinder the course of his desfigns, and the defire he has to unite himselfe to us in so particular a manner.

It happens thus so very often in these matters (and es-

under both Species. 63 pecially to our Reformers) to passe from one question to another that I esteeme my selfe obliged to keepe them close to our question by this advertisement. The same reason obliges me to desire them not to draw any advantage from the expreffion of bread and wine which will occurre so often, because they know, that even in believing as wee do, the change of the substance, it is permitted us to leave the first name to those things that are changed, as well as it was to Moyles to learne that a rod which was Exod. 8. 12. turned into a serpent, or that water which was become blood, Ibid. 21. 24. or the Angels men becaus they Gen. 18.2.26. appeared fuch, not to alledge here Saint John, who cals the wine at the marriage of Cana, water made wine. It is naturall John 2. 9. to man, that he may facilitate

his discourse, to abridge his phrases, and to speake according to the appearances neither is advantage usvally taken from this manner of speech; and I do not believe that any one would object to a Philosopher, who defends the motion of the Earth, that he overthrows his hypothesis when he sayes that the Sun rises or setts.

After this sleight digression to which the desire of proceeding with clearenesse has engaged me, I retourne to my matter, and to those practises which I have promised to explicate whereby to shew in antiquity the communion under one species.

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Second Custome.

Communion of little Infants.

THE second practise I un-dertake to prove is that when the Communion was given to little children that were baptised, it was given them in the first ages, yea and ordinarily in all the following under the species of wine only. S. Cy- cyp. Tr. do prien who suffered martyrdo- Lapfis. me in the third age authorises this practise in his treatise de Lapfis. This great man reprefents there to us with a gravity worthy of himselfe, what passed in the Church and in his presence to a little girle to whom had been given a little moiftned bread offred to Idols. Her mother who knew nothing of

66 A Treatise of Communion it, omitted not to bring her according to custome into the Church assembly. But God, who would shew by a miraculous figne how much they were unworthy of the society of the faithfull who had participated of the impure table of Divells, caused an extraordinary agitation and trouble to appeare in this childe during prayer: as if, (fayes S. Cyprian) for default of speach she had found her selfe forced to declare by this meanes as well as she could, the misfortune she was fallen into. This agitation, which ceased not during the whole time of prayer, augmented at the approching of the Eucharift, where JEsus-CHRIST was so truly present. For, (as S. Cyprian pursues,) after the accustomed solemnityes, the Deacon who presented the holy cup to the faithfull being come

under both Species. to the order or ranke of this child, TESUS-CHRIST Who knows how to make himselfe be perceived by whom he pleases, caused this infant at that moment to feele a terrible impresfion of the presence of his Majesty. She turned away her face, sayes Saint Cyprian, as not able to support so great Majesty; she shuts her mouth, she refused the Chalice. But after they had made her by force swallow some drops of the pretious blood, she could not, adds this Father, retaine it in those defiled entrals, so great is the power and Majesty of our Lord. It became the body of our Lord to produce no lesse effects; and Saint Cyprian who represents to us with so much care and zeale togeather the trouble of this child during all prayer time, not mentioning this extraordinary emotion caused by the Eucharist, but at the approching and receiving of the consecrated Chalice without speaking one only word of the body, shews sufficiently that, in effect, they did not offer her a nourishment that was inconvenient to her

age.

It is not that they could not, with sufficient facility, make a childe swallow a little of the sacred bread by steeping of it, feing it appears even in this history, that the little girle mentioned here had in this manner taken the bread offered to Idols. But this is so far from hurting us, that on the contrary it lets us fee how much they were persuaded that one sole species was sufficient, because there being in deed no imposfibility of giving the body to little infants they so easily de-

under both Species. terminated to give them the blood alone. It suffised that the follid part was not fo convenient to that age: and on the other fide as they would have been obliged to steepe the facred bread to the end they might make little children fwallow it; so in these ages, where wee have feen that they did not so much as dreame of mixing the two species, they must have been obliged to take an ordinary liquor before that facred liquor the blood of our Lord, contrary to the dignity of fuch a Sacrament which the Church has alwayes believed ought to enter into our August. Ep. bodyes before all other nourish- 118. ad Jan. ment. It was alwayes (I fay) beleived; and not only in the time of Saint Augustin, from Ep. 118; whom wee have borrowed those words wee last produced,

70 A Treatise of Communion but in the time of Saint Cy-

prian himselfe, as it appeares in his letter to Cecilius, and before S. Cyprian feing wee finde mention in Tertullian of the facred bread which the faithfull tooke in secret before all other nourishement, and in a word before them all because they speake of it as of an esta-

blished custome. This confideration which alone was the reafon why they gave the blood only to little children though

never so strong in it selfe, would have beene forcelesse against a divine command. It was therefore most certainly believed that

there was not any divine precept of uniting the two species togeather.

M. de la Roque would gladly Hift . Euch. 1. fay, though he dare not do it P. 145. in plain tearmes, that they mixed the body with the blood

Ep. 63.

Iib. II. ad WX. S.

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under both Species. 91 for infants, and imagines, it might be gathered from the words of Saint Cyprian, though there is not one syllable, as wee see, which tends to it. But befides that the discipline of that time did not suffer this mixture. Saint Cyprian speakes only of the blood, It is the blood, fays he, that cannot stay in defiled entrals, and the distribution of the facred Chalice of which alone this infant had participared, is too clearly expressed to leave the least place for that conjecture which M. de la Roque would make. Thus the Example is precise: the custome of giving the Communion to little children under the species of wine only cannot be contested, and that doubt which they would raise in the minde without any ground, shews only the perplexity they are

72 A Treatise of Communion thrown into by the great authority of Saint Cyprian and the Church in his time.

Hist. Euch.
1. p. ch. 11.
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p. 150.

Certainly M. de la Roque would have acted with more fincerity, if he had kept himfelfe to that Idee which first presented it selfe as it were naturally unto him. The first time he had spoke of this passage of Saint Cyprian, he told us that they powred by force into the mouth of the child some of the facred Chalice; that is without question some drops of the pretious blood pure and without any mixture, just as it was presented to the rest of the people who had already received the body. And on the other side wee have even now seen that this Minister does not blame the Pope Paschalis the II. who, according to him, permitted little children to communi-

under both Species. municate under the fole species of wine : so much did his conscience dictate that this practife had no difficulty, in it.

As for M. du Bourdieu, this Du Bourd. passage of Saint Cyprian had at I. rep. p. 37. the first also produced its ef- ch. 20. p. 340. fect in his minde; And this paffage having been objected to him by a Catholique, this Minifter easily accorded in his first answer, that in effect nothing had been given to this childe but the consecrated wine alone. He comes of in faying that the antients who beleeved the communion absolutely necessary for little infants, gave it them as they could; that it was for this reason Saint Cyprians Deacon beleeving this childe would be damned if it dyed without the Eucharist, opened by force its mouth, to poure into it a little wine, and that a case of necessi-

74 A Treatife of Communion ty, a particular case cannot have the name of a custome. What efforts are these to elude a thing fo cleare! Where are those extraordinary reasons this Minister would here imagine to himfelfe? Is there one fingle word in Saint Cyprian which shewes the danger of this infant as the motive of giving it the Communion? Dos it not on the contrary appeare by the whole discourse, that this blessed Sacrament was given to it only because it was the custome to give it to all children fo often as they were brought to the assemblyes? Why will M. du Bourdieu divine that this little girle had never communicab.e. p.345. ted? Was, she not baptifed? Was it not the custome to give the communion togeather with baptisme even to infants? To what purpose is it therefore to

speake here of a feare they should have, least she should be damned for not having received the Eucharist, since they had already given her it in giving her baptisme? Is it that they believed also in the antient Church that it did not suffice to the salvation of a child to have communicated once, and that it should be damned if they dit not reiterate the Communion? What chymeras do men invent, rather then give place to truth, and confesse their errors with fincerity! But to what end do they throw us here upon the question of the necessity of the Eucharist, and upon the errour they would have Saint Cyprian to have been incident to in this point? Grant it were true that this holy Martyr and the Church in his time should

76 A Treatife of Communion have believed the Communion absolutely necessary to infants, what advantage would M. du Bourdieu draw from thence? and who dos not on the contrary see, that if the two species be essentiall to Communion, as the Pretended Reformers would have it, the more one shall believe the Communion necessary to little children, the lesse will he be dispenced with in giving them both these species? M. du Bourdieu foresaw verry well this consequence so contrary to his pretentions; and in his second reply he would divine, though Saint Cyprian has fayd nothing of it, and against the whole connection of his discourse, that this little girle when she was so cruelly and so miraculoufly tormented after the taking of the Blood, had alreamakes fuch answers ?

But why do wee dispute any longer? There is no better proofe, nor better interpreter of a custome then the custome it selfe, I would say, that there is nothing which demonftrates more that a custome comes from the first ages, then when it is feen to continue fucceffively to the last. This of communicating little children under the fole species of wine, which wee finde established in the III. age, and in the time of Saint Cyprian, continued alwayes so common that it is found in all after ages. It is found in the V. or VI. age in fobins de the book of Jobius, where that Verb. incar. learned Religious speaking of lib. III. c. 18. the three Sacraments which Cod. 2220

78 A Treatise of Communion were given togeather, in a time when the Christian Religion being established very few others were baptifed, no more then at present, but the children of the faithfull, speakes thus, They baptife us, fayes he, after that they anoint us, that is they confirme us, and lastly they give us the pretious Blood. He makes no mention of the Body, becaus it was not given to children. And for this reason he takes great care in the same place to explaine how the Blood may be given even before the Body a thing which having no place in the communion of those of riper yeares, was found only in that which the Faithfull had all of them received in receiving the Blood alone in their infancy. So that this custome has already passed from the III. age to

under both Species. the VI. it stops not there, wee finde it even to the last ages, and even at present in the Greeke Church. Allatius a Catholick Allat. Tract. and Thomas Smith an English de conf. utr. Protestant Minister each of de Comm. 0them relate it equally after a Thom. Smith. great number of Authors, and Ep. de Ecc. Gr. the thing it selfe has no diffi- flat. bod. p. culty.

It is true M. Smith has va- Theol. lib. I. ryed in his second edition. For c. 10. they were afraid in England to de div. Offic. authorise an example which wee make use of to establish communion under one species. M. Smith after having remarked in his Preface the advan- Praf. 2. edit. tage wee take from it, thinks init. he can remove it by two or three very feeble testimonyes of moderne Grecians who studyed in England, or who live there, and whose writings are printed in Protestant towns.

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Hugo de S. Vict. erudit.

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The last testimony he alledges is that of an Archbishop of Samos whom wee have too much seen in this country, to rely much upon his capacity any more then upon his fincerity. He is at present established at London; and M. Smith. produces us a letter which he writ to him, wherein he fayes, that after the baptisme of infants, the Priest holding the Chalice where the blood is togeather with the body of our Saviour reduced into little particles, takes in a little spoon one drop of this blood so mixed, in such fort that some little crums of the consecrated bread are found in this spoon, which suffices to make the child participate of the Body of our Lord. M. Smith adds that thefe crums are so little, that they cannot will be perceived because of their smalnesse, and that they

under both Species. 81. flick to the Spoon though never for little dipt into this holy liquor. See here all can be drawn from a Grecian who is entertained ar London, and from M. Smith, in favour of the communion under both species given in baptisme to children in the Greeke Church : That is that they gave them the blood in which the body was mixed, with so little of designe to give them the facred body, that they give them not any part of that which they see swimme in the boly liquor, and which they give to them of riper yeares, as M. Smith himselfe sayes. They content themselves to presume that some insensible particle of the consecrated bread sticks to the spoon of the childe: see what they call communicating them under both species. In truth had not M. Smith done as well 82 A Treatife of Communion

to change nothing in his booke; and will not every man of fenfe believe himselfe obliged to stand to that which he said ingenuously in his first edition, so much the rather because he sees it conformable to the antient Tradition which wee ha-

ve exposed ?

And if wee finde the communion of little children under the fole species of wine in the Greeke Church, wee finde it no lesse amongst the Latins. It is found, according to M. de la Roque in the Decrees of Pope Paschal II. as wee have lately feene, that is to fay in the eleventh age. It is found till the XII. age in the same Latin Church; and Hugo de Sainto Victore, so much pray. fed by S. Bernard, fayes expreffely, that the Bleffed Sacrament was not given to little infants

Hug. de S. Vict. erud. Tb. l. III.

under both Species. 83 in baptisme but under the fole species of blood; teaching also afterwards that under each fpecies the body and blood of Christ were both received.

Wee finde the same doctrine with the same manner of communicating little children in William de Champeaux Bishop Ex lib. maof Chalon, intimately conver-nufcript. qui fant with the fame Saint Ber- crifis relat. in nard. Father Mabillon Benedi- praf. Sac. 3. ctin Monke of the Congrega- num. 75. tion of Saint Maur, (whose fincerity is not to be called in question any more then his capacity) has found in an antient manuscript a long passage of this worthy Bishop, (one of the most famous of his age for piety and learning) where he teaches that he who receives one fole species receives JESUS-CHRIST whole and entire, because (adds he) be is not received neither by little and

84 A Treatife of Communion little, nor by parts, but whole and entire under one or two species: from whence it comes that they give the Chalice alone to infants newly baptized, because they cannot receive the bread; but they do not therefore lesse receive Jesus-Christ whole and entire in the Chalice alone.

The Ministers confounded by these practises found established without an contradiction in all past ages, fly ordinarily to incident questions, to withdraw us from the principall. They exaggerate the abufe of Communion of little infants, (for so they call it against the authority of all ages;) an abuse which they say was founded upon the great and dangerous errour of the absolute necessity. of receiving the Eucharist in all ages under paine of eternall damnation, which, according

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J. rép. p. 36.

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under both Species. 83 to them, is the error of Saint Cyprian, Saint Augustin, Saint Innocent Pope, Saint Cyril, Saint Chrysoftome, Saint Cefarius Bishop of Arles, and not only of many of the Fathers, but also of many ages. Oh holy antiquity, and Church of the first ages too boldly condemned by Ministers, without reaping from thence any thing but the pleasure to have made their people believe that the Church could fall into errour even in the purest times! For as to the substance what availes this controversy to our subicct? The antient Church believed the Eucharist necessary for little infants? Wee have allready demonstrated that, supposing the two species to have been of the essence of this Sacrament, that belife would hawe been a new motive to give

86 A Treatife of Communion it them under both. Why therefore give they it them but under one? and what can these Ministers say here, if not to answer us, that the antient Church added to the errour of believing that the communion was absolutely necessary to falvation, that of beleving the communion to have its entire effect under one sole species, and that by making an antiquity so pure to erre, they be willing to shew themselves visibly in an error.

Wee have, God be prayled, a doctrine which obliges us not to cast our selves into such excesses. I could very easily explicate how the Grace of that Sacrament of the Eucharist is in effect necessary to all the faithfull; how the Eucharist and its grace is virtually contained in Baptisme; which produces in

under both Species. 87 the faithfull that facred right which they there receive to the body and Blood of our Lord, and how it belongs to the Church to regulate the time of exercifing this right. I might also shew upon these grounds that if some one, as for example that William Bifhop of Châlons quoted so faith. fully by Father Mabillon seeme to have beleeved the necessity of the Eucharist, yet this opinion was so far from universall, that wee finde it strongly opposed by other authors of the same time, as by Hugo de San- Hug. de S. to Victore cited in M. de la Ro- Vid. lib. I. ques booke and many others. 3c. 20. I could also tell you how these Hist. Ench! Authors have explicated S. Au- 1. p. ch. 11. gustin according to S. Fulgen- Fulg. Ep. ad tius, and shew with them by Ferr. Diac. expresse passages, and by the whole doctrine of this Father

how far he is from that errout they attribute to him. But my designe is here to teach what wee ought to believe concerning the two species, and not to trouble my selfe and my readers with these incident questions. Therefore I enter not into them, and without burdning my discourse with an unprofitable examen, I shall deliver in few words the fayth of the Church.

rist as well as Baptisme, and finds no more obstacle, as to communion, in these words of S. Paul, Let a man examine himselfe and so let him eat, then she finds, as to Baptisme, in these words of our Saviour, Was. 22. 19. Teach and baptise. But as she knows that the Eucharist can-

The Church did all wayes and dos fill believe that infants are

not be absolutely necessary to their salvation, after they have received a full remission of their sins in Baptisme, she believes that it is a matter of discipline to give or not to give the com-

munion at that age.

Whereupon for good reasons she gave it the space of eleaven or twelve hundred yeares, and for other good reasons she ceased to give it from that time. But the Church which found her selfe free to communicate or not to communicate children, could never have beleeved she had liberty to communicare them in a manner contrary to the institution of JEsus-CHRIST, nor would ever have given one only species, if she had beleeved the two species inseparable by their in-Stitution.

In a word, to disengage our

90 A Treatife of Communion selves at once from these unprofitable disputes: when the Church gave the communion to little infants under the sole species of wine, she either judged this Sacrament necessary to their falvation, or she did not. If she did not thinke it necessary, why should she presse so to give it, as to give it wrong? And if she judged it necessary, it is a new demonstration that she beleeved the whole eff & of the Sacrament included under one sole species.

And further to shew this was her beliefe, the same Church which gave the Eucharist to little children under the sole species of wine, gave them it when more advanced in yeares without scrupule under the sole species of bread. None is ignorant of the antient custo-

under both Species. me of the Church, to give to innocent children that which remained of the Body of our Lord after the communion of the faithfull. Some Churches burnt these sacred remainders. and fuch was the custome of the Church of Jerusalem, as Helychius Priest of that Church Hefych. in relates. JESUS-CHRIST is Levit. lib.II. absolutely above all corruption: but humain sense demanded that, out of respect to this Sacrament, that should be observed which least offends the senses; and it was thought much better to burne these sacred remainders, then to fee them changed by keeping them after a manner leffe becoming. That which the Church of Jerusalem consumed by fire, the Church of Constantinople gave to be consummated by little children, looking upon them

92 A Treatife of Communion in that age, where their baptismal grace was entire, as its Evag. lib. IV. most holy vessells. Evagrius writes in the VI. age that this c. 35. was the antient custome of the Church of Constantinople. Conc. Matisc. II. c. 2. T. I. M. de la Roque takes notice Conc. Gall. of this custome and shews us Hift. Euch. I. the same practise at the same P. ch. 16. P. 183. time in France, where a Council ordained that the remainders of the Sacrifice, after Masse was finished, should be given sprinkled with wine Wednesdays and Frydayes to innocent children, to whom they ordained to fast that they might to receive them. It was without doubt the Body of our Lord which they received as well as the rest of the faithfull. Evagrius calls thefe remainders the particles of the immaculate Body of Jesus-Christ our God, and thus it is that

M. de la Roque translates it.

Ibid.

under both Species. 93 The same Evagrius relates that this communion preserved a Jewish child, which had communicated in this manner with the children of the faithfull from a burning fournace whereinto his father had thrown him in hatred of that communion he had received, God being willing to confirme this communion under one species by fo illustrious a miracle. None ever dreamed of saying they did amisse in giving the body with out the blood, nor that fuch a communion was defective. If the custome have beene changed, it has been upon other reasons, and after the same manner other things of difcipline have been altered without condemning the precedent practice. So that this custome, although it have ceased to be in practife in the Church, remains in Historyes and Canons in testimony against the Protestants: The communion of infants is a cleare conviction of their errour: The youngest fort of infants communicate under the sole species of wine, and the children of a more advanced age under that of bread, both one and the others concurring to make apparent the integrity of communion under one species only.

§ IV.

Third Custome.

Domestick Communion.

The faithfull, after having communicated in the Church and in the holy affembly, carryed with them the Eucharift to communicate every day in

under both Species. 95 their houses. The species of wine could not be given them, because it could not be conserved, especially in so little a quantity as that which is made use of in the holy Mystyres; and it is certain also that it was given them under the species of bread only. Terrul- Tert. de Oras. lian who mentions this custo- " 4. me in his booke de Oratione. speaks only of taking and keeping the Body of our Lord; and in an other place he speaks of Lib. II. ad the Bread which Christians eat "x. 5. fasting in secret, without any other addition. Saint Cyprian lets us fee the same practise in his treatife de Lapfis. This cuftome which begun during the persecutions, and whilf Ecclefiafticall meetings were not free, did not cease neverthelesse to continue for other reasons during the peace of the Church

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Baf. Ep. 219. Wee learne from Saint Bafile that the Solitaryes or Hermites communicated after no other manner in the deserts where there was no Priests. And it is certain moreover that these wonderfull men not coming to the Church but at most on principall folemnityes, could not possibly have conserved the species of wine. There is likewife no mention in Saint Bafil but of that which was put into the band to be carryed to the mouth, that is to fay of consecrated Bread, and this is that which they had the liberty to reserve, as the same Father expresses: to which he adds, that it is indifferent to receive in the hand one or many morcells, making use of a word which can constantly fignify no other but a parcelle or portion of some follid thing; and this makes Auber-

under both Species. 97 Aubertin also understand it on- Aub. lib. II. ly of the sacred Bread. And? 442. although Saint Basil makes it cleare aswell by these tearmes, as by the whole connection of his discourse, that the faithfull in these occasions tooke and reserved the body only, yet he concludes that their communion was no leffe holy nor leffe perfect in their houses then in the Church. He sayes also that this I. Part. c. 14. custome was universall throug- P. 173. hout Egypt even to Alexan- Parare. dria. M. de la Roque concludes very well from a passage of S. Hierome, that it was alfo at Rome, where without going alwayes to the Church, the Faithfull received every day the Body of our Lord at home; to which this Father adds : Is it not the fame JESUS-CHRIST mhich wee receive in the house and in the Church? To shew

that one of these communions is no lesse entire nor lesse perfect then the other. The same M. de la Roque grants that the Christians of the first ages fent the Eucharist one to another in token of communion. as in effect it appeares by a letter of Saint Ireneus that it was fent from Rome even to Asia, and moreover that they carryed it with them in their voyages by fea, and by land: which confirmes the use of that species which alone could be carryed, and which alone could

be conferved to long time in-

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fo little quantity. Witnesse Sa
Amb. de ob. tyrus brother to Saint Ambrofrat. Sai.T. 4 se, who, as this Saint relates,
though only a Catechumen, obtained of the faithfull by the
fervour of his faith this divine
Sacrament, wrapped it in a linnen cloth, and having tyed it

Hist. Euch. I. part. c. 15. p. 176.

Euseb. Hist. Eccl. l. V. c. 24. Hist. Euch.

I. p. ch. 14. p. 174.

under both Species. about his neek , threw himselfe into the fea with this pretious pledge, by which he was also faved. I need not mention the other passages where this custome is established, seing M. de I. Part. c. 12. la Roque acknowledges it and p. 159. 6. 14. dispenses with us as to the proofe of it. Wee finde even in the Jan. Mosch. passages which he quotes in Prat. Spir. what manner the holy obla- Bib. PP. tion was carryed, and it appea- P. 1019. res that it was in a little coffer, or in a verry clean linning. He findes some foot stepps of this custome in the time of Saint Hormisdas Pope, that is in the beginning of VI. age; and it is true that under this Pope a false reporte of a per-Inter Ep. secution being spread abroad Horm. Pape, in Thessalonia, the Eucharist post ep. 62. was distributed to all the faith- oc. or post full by baskets full for a long ti-fo. 67. Ind.

me. Those who distributed it T. V. Conc.

are not blamed for giving it in this manner, but for having malitiously frightned the people by the rumor of an imagi-

nary persecution.

In short wee must not looke upon this manner of communicating at home as an abuse, under pretence that this practice was not continued: for in matters of discipline only, as this is, the Church has reasons to forbid at one time, what she permits at another. It is in the time of persecutions, that is in the most holy times, that these customes have been for the most part in practise, so the Communion under one species is authorised by the constant practise of the best of times, and by the exemple of all the Martyrs. It is moreover certain that at this time they communicated oftner under the

under both Species. fole species of bread, then under both species, seing it was an establissed custome to communicate every day in their houses under that species only, whereas they could not receive both species but in Church afsemblyes, which Were not so frequent; and no body ever suspected, during so many ages, that either of these wayes of communicating was defective or more imperfect then the other. Those who know, with how much respect they treated holy things in these dayes, will not finde it an irreverence to put the Communion into the hands of the faithfull, no more then to permit them to carry it to their particular houses, where it is certain, to our shame, that there was more veneration then there is at present in our Churches.

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wee know likewise the exrreame care Christians tooke to keepe this pretious depositum of the body of our Lord, and above all to hide it from profane hands. Wee fee in the acts of the Martyrs of Nicomedia that when the Magistrates vifited the chamber where S. Domna lived with the Eunuch Indes who served her, they found only a Croffe, the booke of the Acts of the Apostles, two matts spread upon the bare ground, which were the beds of these Martyrs, an earthen censer, a lampe, a little box of wood where they placed the boly Oblation they received. They found not the holy Oblation which they had been carefull to consummate. It belongs to the Proteftants to tell us what these Martyrs did with this Crosse and this censer. Catholicks are not in paine about them, and they

Ast Mart. Nicom. ap. Bar. an. 293.

under both Species. 103 are over joyd to see amongst the utenfils of these Saints, togeather with the simplicity of the primitive times, the markes of their religion, and of the honour they rendred to the Eucharist. But that which makes for our purpose is that wee manifestly see in this history how the Eucharist was kept, and what care they tooke not to let it fall into the hands of infidels. God himfelfe affisted some times, and the Acts of Saint Tharficius an Acolyte shew that this holy Martyr being met by Pagans whilst he carryed the Sacraments of the Body of our Lord, would never discover what he carryed, and was killed with sticks and stones; after which these infidells searching bim they neither found in his hands, nor in his cloaths any parcells of the Sacraments of E iiij

104 A Treatise of Communion JESUS-CHRIST, God himselfe having provided for the fafely of these heavenly guifts. Those who are acquainted with the stile of these times, acknowledge it in these acts, where it is spoke of the Sacrament of Jesus-Christ, and of the Sacraments of his Body. They made use of this word Sacrament indifferently either in the plurall or fingular number in speaking of the Eucharist, sometimes to expresle the perfect unity, and sometime to make it appeare that there was in one fole Sacrament and in one fole mystery (for these tearmes are equivolent) yea and in each particle of this adorable Sacrament, many Sacraments and many mysteryes togeather.

This keeping of the Eucharist under the sole species of under both Species. 105
bread in particular houses, confirmes what ought to be beleeved of the keeping of it in the Church, or the Bishops houses for the use of the sick; and such practises which sustaine one another so well put the doctrine of the Church out of all dispute.

All that the Ministers answer hereto, serves only to disco-

ver their incumbrance.

They all accuse (with one Hist. Euch. accord) this custome of profanation and abuse even after 14. p. 173. they had established it as unithey had establ

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Ministers who accuse them be not temerarious.

Calixt. n. 11.
Bourd. rép.
ch. 19.
Conc. Cafaraug. C. III.
Conc. Tol. I.
C. XIV.
T. II. Conc.

dieu who exactely followes him mention two Canons of the Church of Spain, one of the Council of Saragoza, and the other of the first Council of Toledo, where those who do not swallow the Eucharist received from the hands of the Bishop are expelled as sacrilegious and exsommunicated persons.

Hift. Euch. I.P. ch. 14. M. de la Roque answers them that he dos not beleeve this Canon of Saragoza was made to abolish the custome of carrying away the Eucharist and keeping of it. And he sayes the same afterwards of the first Council of Toledo; which he proves from the eleaventh Canon of the eleventh Council

Conc. Tol. XI. C. XI. T. VI. Conc.

And though the opinions of

held at the same place.

under both Species.

M. de la Roque were not to be relyed upon, it is sufficiently cleare that these two Councils held in the IV. age or there about, could not have detested as a facrilege a custom which all the Fathers shew us to have been common in those times, as wee have proved by the acknowledgement even of the Ministers themselves.

In fine these Councils speake not of those who receiving in the Church a part of the consecrated bread reserve another part for domestick communion; but of those who receiving the communion from the hands of the Bishop swallow none at all of it. Behold what these Councils forbid and it is not difficult to guesse at the motives of this their prohibition, seeing the I. Council of Toledo (which in the

108 A Treatife of Communion XIII. Canon so severely blames those who affected in affifting at the Church never to communicate there;) when it condemnes in the following Canon, as sacrilegious persons those who (wallow not the communion after they have received it from the hand of the Priest, makes it known fufficiently by this connection that its intention was to condemne another manner of avoiding the communion fo much the worse because it shewed either a facrilegious hipocricy or too visible an averfion to this holy mystery.

These unfortunate people who so obstinately avoided the communion were the Priscillianistes, hereticks of those times and places, who mixed themselves ordinarily with the faithfull. But if they will not grant this to have been the motive

under both Species. of that Canon, they cannot at least deny but there are other evill motives not to swallow the Eucharist which might be condemned in these Councils. A man may refraine from the Eucharist out of superstition, he may referve it to abuse it, he may reject it out of infidefity; and the XI. Council of Toledo informes us that it was such a sacrilege which the first condemned. These or the like abuses taken notice on in certain places might have given occasion to local prohibitions, which brought no prejudice to the customes of other countryes: and it is certain moreover that what is practifed in one place as well as in one time with reverence, may be so badly practifed in another time and place, that it shall be rejected as facrilegious. Therefore in what manner soever a man will take these Canons, they do not in any fort authorise the errour, of them who would make the practises of the holy Martyrs and of the whole antient Church passe for an abuse, and who can finde no other answer to an invincible argument but in condemning their proceedings.

M. du Bourdieu endeavours to come of by an other evasion no lesse impertinent. He would have it be beleeved that the Rép. ch. 18. faithfull communicated under both species in these domestick communions and reserved them both: for which he brings after Calixtus four testimonyes, that of Saint Justinus who sayes that after consecration in the Church the Deacons carryed the two species to them that were absent; That of S. Gre-

under both Species. gory the great, who relates that Greg. Dial. in a voyage from Rome to Con- 111. c. 156. stantinople and in a great tempest the faithfull received the Body and the Blood; that of Amphilochius, who tells us in the life of S. Basile that a Jew jay- I. vil ning himselfe to the faithfull in their assembly, carryed away to is house some of the remainders of the Body and Blood; and lastly that of Saint Gregory of Nazianzen who relates of his Naz fister Saint Gorgonia that she mixed with her teares what she had gathered of the species or symboles of the Body and Blood, he ought to have translated it of the Body or the Blood, as it is in the text and not of the Body and the Blood as he has done thereby to infinuate that both the one and the other were reserved togeather. Of these four examples the

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thing to our subject.

Wee have already remarked with M. de la Roque that in the example of Saint Justinus the two species tis true were carryed, but presently after they had been consecrated, by which it dos not appeare that they kept them, which is precisely

our question.

To shew that in the passage mentioned by Saint Gregory the faithfull had kept the two species in their vesselle from Rome to Constantinople, it ought before to have been certain that there was no Priest in this vesselle who could celebrate, or that Maximian of whom Saint Gregory speakes in this place, was none, though he was the Superieur of a Monastery. This great Pope sayes nothing of these circumstan-

ces, and leaves us the liberty to supply them by other reafons, of which the principall is drawn from that impossibility already so often remarked of keeping so little quantity of consecrated wine so long a time.

What M. du Bourdieu sayes here that they durst not have celebrated in a ship showes that he searches only to cavil, without so much as considering that even at present wee celebrate in all sort of places when there is a reason for it.

So that of these four examples behold two of them already uselesse. The two others, with the passages of Baronius and the learned Aubespinus Bishop of Orleans with which they defend them, may verry well prove that the blood was not resused to the faithfull to

114 A Treatife of Communion carry with them if they required it (for upon what account should they also refuse it, and beleeve that the Sacred Body with which they trusted them was more pretious then the Blood?) but can never prove that they could keepe it any long time, fince that nature it selfe opposed it, nor that it was the custome to do it, the Church being fo well perfuaded the communion was equall under one or both species, that the least difficulty made them determine to give it either in the one or the other kind. Wee fee also in that passage of Saint Gregory of Nazianzen that the dos not fay that his fifter watered the Body and the Blood with her teares, as if it had been certain she had the one and the other, but the Body or the Blood, to shew

that he did not know which of the two she had in her keeping it being ordinary to re-

serve the body only.

What serves it therefore to cavil as a constant practise? Truth ought alwayes at the last to come to light? And M. de la Roque, he who of all the Minifters has examined this matter with most exactnesse, ingeniously confesses that the faithfull car- Hift. Euch. ryed home the bread of the Eucha- 1. P. ch. 12. rist to take it when they would, saving himselfe as well as he can from the confequence by the remarke he makes that this abufive and particular custome cannot prejudice the general pracife, and that even those who carryed the Eucharist home dit not probably do it till after they had eaten a part in the affembly, and participated of the Chalice of our Lord.

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Calixtus brings himselfe of with the same answer almost. At the beginning of the treatife he has given us about communion in both kinds he had candidly owned that some referved the sacred bread to eat it either in their houses or on a journey; and after having related many passages, amongst others that of S. Basil which suffers no evalion, he had concluded, that it was certain from these passages that some moved by a religious affection towards the Eucharist, carryed away with them a part of the consecrated bread or of the holy symbole. There is no body who reading these passages even in Calixtus himselfe dos not see that these whom he cals so flyly some, are the whole Church: and when he adds that this cuftome was tolerated some time,

this which he cals some time, is as much as to say four or si-ve hundred yeares, and that in the time of the greatest purity; and this which he cals tolerated is no other then universally received in these beautiful ages of the Church, no body ever attempting either to blame them, or to say that this communion was unsufficient.

In the sequel of his dispute Calixtus chases, and labours to prove by the examples already refuted, that this communion might be made under the two species. But he returnes at last to the solution which he at first had given, that the faithfull, who communicated under the sole species of bread in their houses had received the species of wine in the Church, and that

118 A Treatife of Communion there is no example that they ever communicated publickly under one species for a thousand or eleaven hundred yeares. As if it did not suffice to convince him that communion under one species had been declared perfect and sufficient; or that it was permitted to communicate contrary to the order of TESUS-CHRIST, and to divide his mystery in the house rather then in the Church; or lastly that this parcelle of sacred Bread which was taken in private in the house was not given at the Church it felfe, and by the hands of the Pastors for that use.

Behold the vaine Cavills by which these Ministers think to elude a manifest truth: but I will not leave them in their errour as to publick communion; and although it suffise

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to have for us this communion taken in private with
the approbation of the whole
Church, wee shall presently
se, that communion under one
species was no lesse free in
solemne assemblyes then in the
house.

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Fourth Custome.

Communion at the Church and in the ordinary Office.

Place therefore as the fourth practife, that in the Church it selfe and in the assemblyes of Christians it was free for them to receive either both species or one only. The Manicheans abhorred wine which they believed was created by the Devill. The same Manicheans denyed that the son of

320 A Treatife of Communion God had shed his Blood for our redemption, beleeving that his Passion was nothing but an illusion and a phantastical appearence. These two reasons gave an aversion from the pretious Blood of our Lord which was received in the Mysteryes under the species of wine: And as, to hide themselves the better, fayes Saint Leo, and to spread more easily their venom, they mixed themselves with Catholicks even to communicate with them, so they received the Body of our Lord only, avoiding to drink the Blood by which wee were redeemed. This fraudulent proceeding of theirs could hardly be discovered because Catholicks themselves did not all of them communicate under both species. At the last it was taken notice of that these Hereticks dit it out of affe-Station:

under both Species. Cation: in so much that the Holy Pope S. Leo the Great would that those who were known as such by this marke, should be expelled the Church; and Saint Gelasius his disciple and successour was obliged to forbid expressely to communiacte any other wayes then under both species: a signe that the thing was free before, and that they would not have thought of making this ordinance, but to take from the Manicheans the meanes of deceiving.

This practife is of the V. 1. Part. ch. 11.

age. M. de la Roque and others p. 1442
relate it togeather with the judgement of these two Popes,
and take their advantage from
it. But on the contrary this praClise shews clearly that there
was need of a particular reason to oblige the faithfull to
a necessity of communicating

under both species, and that the thing was indifferently practifed both wayes before: otherwise the Manicheans would immediately have too much exposed themselves, and could not have expected to be suffered.

But if it had been freely permitted, say the Ministers, to communicate under the sole species of bread when they would, the Manicheans could not have been distinguished by this marke; as if there were no difference betwixt a liberty to receive one or both species, and a perpetuall affectation of these Hereticks obstinately to refuse the consecrated wine. What an effect of prejudice is this not to observe wilfully a thing so manifest!

Tis true that this liberty being allowed, there must hawe been time and a particular vigilance to discerne these hereticks from amongst the faithfull. And this was also the reason of the long continuance of their deceit, and that which caused a necessity at last, in the time of Saint Gelasius, of making an expresse ordre to take equally the body and the blood, under paine of being deprived of them both.

M. du Bourdieu conceales Ibid. p. 283. here from us with a great deale of artifice the motive inducing this Pope to make that proh bition. See here the words of the Decree. Wee have difco- Qui proculvered that some persons in taniam nestion king the sacred Body only, ab-qua superstitaine from the holy Chalice, which adstringi) aut persons truly, (because they see- integra Sacrame to adhere to I know not what piant, aut ab superstition) let them either ta- ceantur. ke the Sacrement under both spe- Gel. ibid.

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124 A Treatife of Communion cies, or let them be entirely deprived of the one and the other. This particle because of Pope Galasius, which shews manifestly that the superstitious abstinence of these Hereticks was the particular reason why he obliged them to both species, is left out by this Minister; for se what he makes this Pope say: I know not what superstition they are addicted to : either let them receive the entire Sacraments, or let them be deprived of the entire Sacraments.

He durst not let that particle appeare in his translation by which this Pope shews expressely that his prohibition had a particular motive, for feare it might be too easily concluded against him, that there was nothing in it selfe more free then to communicate without receiving the Blood,

under both Species. 125 fince that there was need of reasons and a particular occafion to oblige the doing of it.

There is likewise another crafty artifice, but verry feeble in the translation of this Minister. For insteed of what the Pope sayes (as I have above translated it) which persons tru- Nescioqua fuly, becanse they seeme to adhere to perstitione de-I know not what superstition, that gi. is to fay indefinitely, as is manifest, to some certain superstition, which he will not youchsafe to expresse; this Minister Du Bourd. makes him fay both precisely ibid. p. 285. and more strongly: I know not What superstition they are addi-Eted to, to the end he might conclude a little after that this did not concerne the Manicheans, whose errours, sayes he, this learned Bishop was not ignorant of, nor of those which were in vogue in his time.

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Calixtus had endeavoured beforchim to distinguish the practife of Hereticks mentioned by Saint Leo from this prohibited by Saint Gelafius, thereby to hinder any one from beleeving that the Decree of this last Pope in favour of the two species was to be regarded as in relation to the errors of the Manicheans. What dos this pittifull refuge availe him? Seeing that it appeares clearly by the tearms of this Decree, that it had a particular motive, what dos it import us whether it were the Manicheans errour, or some other such like superstition? And is not this alwayes sufficient to let us see, (take it which way you will) that it was necessary the Church should have some particular reasons to oblige them to both Species 2

under both Species. But as to the whole it cannot be doubted but this superstition of which Saint Gelafius speakes here was that of the Manicheans, seing that Anastasius the Bibliothecarian fayes expressely in the life of this Pope, that he discovered Vit. Gel. the Manicheans at Rome, that T. IV. Conc. he sent them into exile, and that he caused their books to be burnt before the Saint Marys Church. Wee do not in effect see what other superstition besides that of the Manicheans could have inspired a horror to wine and that of the Blood of our Lord. On the other fide it is manifest that these Hereticks had unheard of artifices to infinuate themselves secretly amongst the faithfull, and that there was in their prodigious discourses fuch an efficacy of errour, that it was a most difficult thing to

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128 A Treatise of Communion efface wholy those impressions they left in the minde. None therefore can doubt but that these superstitious people of whom Saint Gelasius speakes, were the hidden remainders of those Manicheans that Saint Leo his predecessor had discovered thirty or forty yeares before; and whereat Saint Gelafius has said they are addicted to I know not what superstition, it is not that he did know verry well their errours, but he speakes this out of contempt, or rather, because this obscure sect changed it selfe into a thousand shapes, so that what remained of this poison was not alwayes known, or it was not alwayes thought convenient to explicate it to the people.

But behold the last refuge of these Ministers. They main-

under both Species. 129 taine wee are in the wrong in fearching a particular reafon of the Ordinance of Saint Gelasius, since he establishes it manifestly upon the nature of the Mystery. Let us once more therefore relate the words of this Pope already cited, and let us add thereto their whole consequence. Wee have discovered, sayes he, that some persons take only the sacred Body, and abstaine from the sacred Blood, which persons truly (because they seeme to adhere to I know not what superstition) let them take both parts or let them be deprived of both, because the division of one and the same mystery cannot be done without a great sacrilege.

To understand aright the consequence of these words, wee finde that the division which he accuses of sacrilege

130 A Treatife of Communion was that same grounded upon the above mentioned superstition where the Blood of our Lord confectated under the species of wine was regarded as an object of aversion. Indeed it is a deviding of the mystery to believe that there is one part of it which Jesus-CHRIST did not institute, and which ought to be rejected as abominable. But to beleeve that JESUS-CHRIST has equally instituted both parts, and not withstanding to take but one, not out of contempt to the other (God forbid) but because wee beleeve that the vertue of both is received in either, and that in them both there is but one sole fondation of Grace: if this be to divide the mystery, the primitive Church dividid it when they communicated the fick, little

ehildren, and generally all the faithfull in their houses under one sole species. But as wee cannot have such an opinion of the antient Church wee must of necessity avouch that to divide this mystery some thing more must be believed and practised then that which is believed and practised by all Catholicks.

§ VI.

The Masse of Holy Fryday, and that of the Presanctifyed.

The antient Church was fo far from beleeving that to give this Mystery under one sole species was to divide it, that she had certain solemne dayes in which she distributed nothing but the sacred Body of our Lord in the Church, and to all the assistants. Such

132 A Treatise of Communion was the Office of Good Fryday in the Latin Church; and fuch was the Office of the Greeke Church every day in Lent, except Saturday and Sunday.

To begin with the Latin Church, wee finde in the Ordo Bib. P.P. Var. Romanus, in Alcuinus, or in T. de div. Off. that antient author whose explication of that booke wee have under his name, in Amalarius, in Abbot Rupert, in Hugo de Sainto Victore what wee practise even to this very day, that they dit not confecrate upon Good Fryday, but that they reserved for communion the Body of our Lord consecrated the day before, and that they received it upon Good Fryday in unconfecrated wine. It is expressely remarked in all these places that the Body only was referved without

under both Species. referving the Blood, the reason of which is (fayes Hugo de Sainto Victore,) that the Body Hug. de 8. and the Blood are reseived under each species, and that the c. 20. species of wine cannot be kept with fecurity. This last reason wee finde in one of the editions of Amalarius, which is no lesse his then the others, this Author having frequently reviewd his book, severall of which, so reviewed, have been preserved to our dayes. Such was likewise the practise of Jonas Bishop of Orleans, and of many other Authors; and without troubling our selves with these criticismes, the matter of fact is that Amalarius after divers mysticall reasons which he brings for this custome according to the example of other Authors, concludes that it may be said yet more sincerely that

Theol. l. III.

134 A Treatise of Communion the consecrated wine is not referved, because it is more subject to alteration then the bread. Which confirmes in short all what wee have shown tooching the communion of the fick under the sole species of bread, and shews verry vell that the Eucharist which was constantly kept for them during many dayes according to the spirit of the Church, could not be kept for them under the species of wine, since they feare even that change which might, happen to it from one day to the next, that is from Thursday to Good Fryday.

I might here take notice that the Church endeavours not only to avoid the corruption of the species which change the nature, and the necessary matter of the Sacrament, but also every change which makes the

under both Species. least alteration in them, being desirous out of respect to this Sacrament, that all there should be pure and propper, and that the leaft even sensible disrelish should not be suffered in a Mystery where JESUS-CHRIST was to be the banquet. But these remarkes being little necessary to our subject are for another place; and it suffises us to see here, that they referved at that time, as wee do to this verry day do, nothing but the facred Body for the fervice upon Good Fryday.

Neverthelesse it is certain by all the Authors and by all the passages were have lately quoted, that the Priest, the whole Clergy, and all the people communicated this holy day, and by consequence communicated under one species only. This custome appeares prin-

136 A Treatise of Communion cipally in the Gallican Church, fince most of these Authors were of it, so that it ought to finde a particular veneration amongst us : but it would be too visable in abusing ones felfe to say, that a custome so firmely established in the VIII. age had no higher a beginning. Wee finde not the originall; wherefore if that opinion, which beleeves communion under one species to be sacrilegious, should be admitted, wee must say that the primitive Church had purposely made choyce of Good Fryday, the day of our Blessed Saviours death, on which she might profane a Mystery instituted in memory of it. They communicated after the same manner upon Easter Eve seeing that on the one fide it is certain. by all Authors that Good Fry-

under both Species. day and Easter Eve were dayes of communion for all the peo. ple, and on the other fide it is no lesse constant that they did not Sacrifise during these two dayes; A thing which occasions that even at this day wee have no proper Masse in our Missel for Easter Eve. So that they communicated under the sole species of Bread kept from Holy Thursday, and if wee will believe our Reformers they prepared themselves for a Paschal communion by two sacrilegious ones.

The Monks of Clugny, as holy as they were, did no better then others; and the book of their customs, once already cited in this discourse, showes that six hundred yeares since, they did not communicate at that holy time but under one sole species.

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These practises let us see sufficiently the univerfall custome of the Latine Church, But the Greeks go yet further : They do not confecrate upon fasting dayes to the end they may not mixe the joy and folemnity of the Sacrifice with the forrowfulnesse of a fast. From whence it is that in the time of Lent they do not consecrate but upon Sundayes, and on Saturdayes upon which they fast not. Upon other dayes they offer the Sacrament referved on those two solemne dayes, which they call the imperfect Masse, or the Masse of the Presanctified, because the Eucharist which they offer in these dayes had been consecrated and sanctifyed in the two precedent dayes, and in the Masse they call perfect.

The antiquity of this obser-

vance cannot be contested, being it appeares in the VI. age in the Councile in Trullo: Conc. Trull. where wee see the fondation contest of it from the IV. age in the Council of Laodicea, and the conc. Laod. re is nothing more remarka- contest the Age of the Greeks then this Masse of the Presanctified.

If wee would at present know what it is they offerd there, wee have no more to do then to read in their Euchologes and in Bibliotheca Patrum the Euch. Goat. antient Liturgies of the Pre-Bibl. PP. fanctified; and wee shall there fee that they referved nothing but the facred Bread : It is the facred Bread which they carry from the Sacrifty, it is the facred Bread which they elevate, which they adore, and which they incense, it is the facred Bread which they mix without faying any prayer with

unconsecrated wine and water, and which in fine they distribute to the people. In so much that all the Lent, that most holy time of the yeare, they communicated five dayes of the weeke under the sole species of Bread.

I know not why some of the Latins have undertaken to blame this custome of the Greeks which neither the Popes nor Councils ever reprehended; and on the contrary the Latin Church having followed this custome upon Good Fryday, it is manifest that this Office, with the manner of communicating practifed in it, is confecrated by the tradition of both Churches.

What is here most remarkable is that though it be so apparent that the Greeks receive not any thing upon these dayes but the Body of our Lord, yet they change nothin in their ordinary formularyes. The sacred guists are allwayes named in the plurall, and they speake no lesse there in their prayers of the Body and the Blood: so stedfastly is it imprinted in the minds of Christians that they cannot receive one of the species without receiving at the same time not only the vertue, but the substance also both of the one and the other.

It is true the moderne Greeks explane the felves other wayes, and appeare not, for the most part, very favourable to communion under one species: but it is in this the force of truth appeares the greater, since that in despite of them, their own customes, their own Liturgies, their own Traditions pronounce sentence against them.

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But is it not true will some say that they put some drops of the pretious Blood in forme of a Crosse upon the parcells of the sacred Body which they reserve for the following dayes, and for the Office of Presanctified? It is true they do it for the most part; but it is true at the same time, that this custome is new amongst them, and that in the substance to examin it entirely, it concludes nothing against us.

It concludes nothing against us, because, besides that two or three drops of consecrated wine cannot be preserved any long time, the Greekes take care, immediately after they have dropped them upon the consecrated bread, to dry it upon a chasendish and to reduce it to powder, for it is in that manner they keepe it

under both Species. 142 as well for the fick as for the Office of the Presanctified : A certain signs that the authors of this Tradition had not in prospect by this mixture the Communion under both species, which they would have given in another manner if they had beleeved them necesfary; but indeed the expression of some mystery, such as might be the Resurrection of our Lord, which all Liturgyes both Greeke and Latin figured by the mixture of the Body and the Blood in the Chalice, because the death of our Lord arriving by the effusion of his Blood, this mixture of his Body and his Blood is very proper to represent how this man-God tooke life again.

I should be ashamed to mention here all the vaine subtilityes of the modern Greeks, and

144 A Treatise of Communion the false arguments they make about the wine, and about its more groffe and more substantiall parts, which remain after the follid bodyes with which wine may be mixed bacome dryed: from whence they conclude that a like effect is produced in the species of consecrated wine, and therefore that the Blood of our Lord may remain in the facred Bread even after it has been upon the chafendish, and is entirely drye. By these wise reasonings the Lees and the Tartar orfalt would still be wine and a lawfull matter for the Eucharist. Must wee thus argued concerning the mysteryes of JEsus-CHRIST? It was wine, as properly called so, that is a liquid and flowing wine which JESUS-CHRIST instituted for the matter of his Sacrament. It

under both Species. 145 It is a liquor which he has given us to represent to our eves his Blood which was shedd; and the simplicity of the Gospell will not suffer thefe subtilityes of the modern Grecians.

It must also be acknowledged they arrived to this but of very late, and moreover that the customs of putting these drops of consecrated Wine upon the Bread of the Eucharist was not established amongst them but fince their schisme. The Patriarch Michael Cerularius, who may be called the true author of this schisme, writes notwithstanding in a booke which he composed in defence of the Office of the Presan-Ctified, That the facred Breads, Pand. Guill. which are beleeved to be, and Beverey. which are in effect, the quickning Not. in Can. Body of our Lord must be kept sz. Conc.

Oxon. 1672.

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p. 156. Leo All. Ep. ad Nibuf.

Trull. T. 11. for this facrifice, without fprineling one drop of the pretious. Blood upon them. And wee finde notes upon the Councils by a famous Canonist who was one of the Clergy belonging to the Church of Constantinople, in which he expressely takes notice, that according to the doctrine of Bleffed John (Patriarch of Constantinople)

Harmenop. 1.p. Can. fect. 2. Tit. 6.

The pretious Blood must not be Sprincled upon the Presanctified which they would referve, and this, said he, is the practise of our Church. So that, let the modern Grecians say what they please, their tradition is expressly against this mixture; and according to their own authors, and their own proper tradition there remains not so much as a pretense to defend the necessity of the two species in the Presan-Stified mysteries.

under both Species. For can any one fo much as conceive what Patriarch Michael in the worke by us newly cited sayes, That the wine in which they mix the Body reserved, is changed into the pretious Blood by this mixing, without so much as prononcing upon the wine, as appeares by the Euchologes, and by Michaels own confession, any one of the mystick and sanctifying prayers, that is to fay without prononcing the words of confecration, bee they what they will (for it is not to our purpose to dispute here of them:) A prodigious and unheard of opinion; that a Sacrament can be made without words, contrary to the authority of the Scripture, and the constant tradition of all Churches, which neither the Grecians nor any body elfe ever called in question.

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By how much therefore wee ought to reverence the antient traditions of the Grecians, which descend to them from their fathers, and from those times whilft they were united to us; by so much ought wee to dispise those errours into which they are falne in the following ages, weakned and blinded by schisme. I need not here relate them, because the Protestants themselves do not deny but that they are great, and I should recede too far from my subject : But I will only say, to do justice to the modern Grecians, that they do not all hold this groffe opinion of Michaels, and that it is not an universall opinion amongst them that the wine is changed into the Blood by this mixture of the Body notwithstanding that Scripture

and Tradition assigne a particular benediction by words as well to it as to the Body.

Wee are much lesse to beleeve that the Latins who exposed to us but even now the Office of Good Fryday could be fallen into this errour, since they explicate themselves quite contrary in expresse words; and to the end wee may omit nothing, wee must again in few words propose their sentiments.

It is true then that wee finde in the Ordo Romanus and in this Office of Good Fryday that the unconfecrated wine is fanctifyed by the fanctifyed bread which is mixed with it. The same is found in the bookes of Alcuinus and Amalarius upon off. the Divine Office. But upon Alc. de Div. off. the least reflection made of the de Div. off. de doctrine they teach in these Div. off.

150 A Treatise of Communion same bookes, it will be granted, that this fanctification of the unconfecrated Wine by the mixture of the Body of our Lord, cannot be that true confecration, by which the Wine is changed into the Blood; but a sanctification of another nature, and of a much inferiour order: fuch as that is of which Saint Bernard speakes when Bern. Ep. 69. he fayes that the Wine mixed with the consecrated Hoste, although it be not consecrated by that solemn and particular confecration which changes it into the Blood of JESUS-CHRIST, becomes norwithstanding sacred by tooching the sacred Body of our Lord, yet of a quite different manner from that confecration which, according to this Saint, is made by the words taken out of the Gofpel.

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That it is of this imperfect and inferiour fort of confecration which these Authors were explicate do here speake, will be acknowleged an undeniable truth, it were finde that these Authors, and in the sames places, say there cannot be made a true consecration of the Blood of our Lord but by words, and by the words even of Jesus-Christ himselfe.

Alcuinus is expresse herein, when explicating the Canon of the Masse as wee have it to this day when he comes to the place where wee prononce the sacramentall words which are those of Jesus-Christ himselfe, This is my Body, this is my Blood, he sayes, these are the words by which they consecrated the Bread and the Chalice in the beginning, by which they

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152 A Treatise of Communion are consecrated at present, and by which they shall be confecrated eternally , because Jesus-CHRIST prononcing again his own words by the Priests renders his holy Body and his facred Blood present by a cetestiall bc-Amal. 1. III. nediction. And Amalarius, upon the same part of the Canon fayes no lesse clearly, that it is in this place and by the pronunciation of these words, that the nature of the Bread and Wine is changed into the nature of the Body and Blood of JESUS-CHRIST; and he had faid before in particular concerning the confecration of the Chalice, that a simple liquor was changed by the benediction of the Priest into the Sacrament

of the Blood of our Lord: which shews how far he and Alcuinus were from beleeving that the only mixing them without

Lit. I. 12.

24. ibid.

under both Species. 153 any words could produce this effect. When therefore they fay that the pure wine is fanctifyed by the mixture of the Body of Jesus-Christ, it appeares sufficiently their meaning is, that by tooching the Holy of Holyes this wine ceafes to be profane, and becomes some thing of holy : but that it should become the Sacrament of Jesus-Christ. and that it should be changed into his Blood without prononcing the words of Jesus-CHRIST upon it, is an errour inconsistent with their doctrine.

All those who have writ of the Divine Office, and of that of the Masse use the same language these two Authors do.

Isaac Bishop of Langres their Island Linguistic contemporary, in his explica- Sp. cil. 1. L. tion of the Canon and place

154 A Treatise of Communion where they consecrate, sayes that the Priest having thetherto done what he could; to the end he may then do something more wonderfull, borrows the words of Jesus-CHRIST himselfe, that is to say these words, This is my Body : Powerfull words , fays he, to which the Lord gives his vertue, according to the expreffion of the Pfalmist; words which have allvayes their effett, because the Word who is the power of God sayes and dos all at a time: in so much that there is here made by these words contrary to all humain reason a new nourishment for a new man, a new Jesus borne of the spirit, an Hoste come downe fro heaven, and the rest, which makes nothing to our subject, this being but too fufficient to shew that this great Bishop has placed conunder both Species. 155 secration in the words of our Saviour.

Remigius Bishop of Auxerre, in the booke which he composed of the Masse towards the end of the ninth age, is visibly of the same judgement with Alcuinus, seeing he has done nothing but transcribe word for word all that part of his booke where this matter is treated of.

Hildebertus Bishop of Mans, Hildeb end. and afterwards of Tours, fa-T. Bibl. T.P. mous for his piety as well as for his eloquence, and learning, and commended even by the Protestants themselves, because of the prayses he has given to Bengarius; yet after he was returned, or pretended to be returned, or pretended to be retourned from his errours, affirmes in expresse words that the Priest consecrates not by his own words, but by those of

JESUS-CHRIST; that then under the signe of the crosse and the words, the nature becomes changed; that the Bread honours the Altar by becoming the Body, and the Wine by becoming Blood: which obliges the Priest to elevate at that time the Bread and the wine, thereby to shew that by consecration they are elevated to some thing of a higher nature then what they were.

Rup. de Div. Off, l. II. c. 9. Off, l. II. c. 9. Offib. V. c. 20. Hug. de S. Vict. erud. Theol. l. 111.

The Abbot Rupertus sayes the same thing, and after him Hugo de Sainto Victore. Wee finde all these bookes collected in the Bibliotheca of Patrum, in that tome which beares the title de Divinis Officius.

This Tradition is so constant especially in the Latin Church, that it cannot be imagined the contrary could be found in the Ordo Romanus, nor that it could have entred into the

under both Species. thoughts of Alcuinus and Amalarius, tho they had not explicated themselves so clearly as wee have seene they have. But this Tradition came from a higher fource. These many fore cited French Authors as Euseb. Gallies were preceded by a Bishop of T. 6. Max. the Gallican Church, who faid Bib. P.P. in the V. age, that the creatu- paiche res placed upon the holy Altars, and bleffed by the celestiall words, ceased to be the substance of Bread and Wine, and became the Body and Blood of our Lord; and Saint Ambrofe before him un- Amb. de inie. derstood by these celestiall words, " 9. the proper words of JESUS-CHRIST, This is my Body, this is my Blood, adding, that the consecration as well of the Body as of the Blood, was made by the words of our Lord. And the Author of the booke of Sacraments, be he whom he

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Amb. lib. IV. will Saint Ambrose or some other neere unto his time, who imitates him troughout who ever he be well known in antiquity, speaks after the same manner; and all the Fathers of the same time keepe the like conformity in their language; and before them all Iren. IV. 14. Saint Ireneus laught that ordi-

nary bread is made the Eucharist by the invocation of God which it receives over it; and

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Saint Justin, whom he often cites, faid before him that the Eucharist was made by the prayer of the word which comes from JESUS-CHRIST, and that it was by this word, that the ordinary food which usvally, by being changed, nourisheth our flesh and our blood, became the Body and the Blood of that JESUS-CHRIST incarnated for w: and before all the Fa-

under both Species. thers, the Apostle Saint Paul .. Cor. 10. 16. clearly remarked the particular benediction of the Chalice, when he faid, the Chalice of benediction which wee bleffe. And to go to the very originall JESUS-CHRIST confecrates the Wine in Saying, This is my Blood, as he had confecrated the Bread in faying, This is my Body: in such fort that it cannot enter into the minde of a man of sense, that it could ever be beleeved in the Church, the Wine was confecrated without words by the fole mixture with the Body: from whence it followes that it was under the Bread alone that our Fathers communicated upon Good Fryday.

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6 VII.

The sentiments and the practise of the last ages, grounded upon the sentiments and practise of the primitive Church.

Hus many constant pra-A ctifes of the primitive Church , thus many different circumstances, whereby it appeares in particular and in publick, and allwayes with an universall approbation, and according to the established law, that she gave the Communion under one species, so many ages before the Council of Constance, and from the origine of Christianity till the time of this Council, do invincibly demonstrate that this Council did but follow the Tradition of all ages, when it defined that the Communion under one kind

In matters of this nature the Church has allwayes beleeved she might change her laws according to the conjuncture of times and occurrences; and upon this account, after having left the Communion under one or both species as indifferent; after having obliged to both species for particular reasons, she has for other reasons reduced the faithfull to one fole species, being ready to give both when the exigence of the Church shall require it, as it appeares by the Decrees of the Council of Trent

This Council, after having

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decided that Communion decided that Communion under both species was not necessary, proposes to it selfe to treat of two points. The first, whether it were convenient to grant the Cupp to some countrys; and the second upon what conditions it might be granted.

They had an example of this concession in the Council of Basile, where the Cupp was granted to the Bohemians, upon condition they should acknowledge that Jesus-Christ was received wholy and entirely under each of the two species, and that the reception of both the one and the other was not necessary.

It was therefore doubted a long time at Trent whether they should not grant the fame thing to those of Germany and France who demanded

it, in hopes thereby more eafily to reduce the Lutherans
and the Calvinists. In fine the
Council judged it most expedient, for many important reasons, to remit the matter to
the Pope, to the end he might seff. 23. is
do herein according as his prudence should dictate what might
be the most advantagious to Christianity, and the most convenient
for the salvation of such as should
make this demande.

In consequence to this Decree, and according to the example of Paul the III, his successour Pius the IV. at the instance of the Emperour Ferdinand and some other Princes of Germany, by his Breiss of the first of September 1563. Sent a permission to some Bishops to render the Cupp to the Germans upon the conditions set down in these Breiss

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given with prudence, and which it may be at another time in better dispositions would have had a better effect.

The Church which ought in all things to hold the ballance equall, ought neither to make that appeare as indifferent, which is essentiall, nor that as essentiall which is not so, and ought not to change her discipline but for an evident advantage to all her children; and it is from this prudent dispensation whence all the changes are come which wee have remarked in the administration of one or both species.



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THE SECOND PART.

Principles upon which are established the judgement and practise of the Church: of which principles the Pretended Reformers make use as well as wee.

SUCH hath been the practife of the Church. The Principles upon which this practife is founded are no leffe certain then the practife has been constant.

To the end that nothing of difficulty may remain in this matter, I will not alledge any one Principle that the Reformers can call in question.

6 1.

First Principle.

There is nothing indispensable in the Sacraments, but that which is of their substance or essentiall to them.

THE first Principle I establish is, that in the administration of Sacraments wee are obliged to do not all that which JESUS-CHRIST hath done, but only that which is essentiall to them.

This principle is without contest. The Pretended Reformers do not immerge or dipp their infants in the water of Baptisme, as Jesus-Christ was immerged or dipped in the river of Jourdan when Saint John baptised him, neither do they give the Lords

Supper at table or during Supper, as JESUS-CHRIST did; neither do they regard as necessary many other things which he observed.

But must especially it imports us to consider the ceremonyes of Baptisme, which may serve for a ground to many things in this matter.

To baptise signifies to dippe or immerge, and herein the

whole world agree.

This ceremony is drawn from the purifications of the Jewes; and as the most perfect purification did consist in a total immerging or dipping in water, Jesus-Christ who come to sanctify and accomplish the antient ceremonyes, was willing to choose this as the most significative and the most plane, to expresse the remission of sins, and

under both Species. and the regeneration of a new man.

The Baptisme of Saint John, which served as a preparative to this of Jesus-Christ was performed by dipping or

immerging.

That prodigious multitude of people who flocked to this Baptisme, caused Saint John Math. 3. 5.6. to make choice of the borders John. 3. 3. of Jordan, and amongst those borders, of the country of Annon neere to Salim, because there was much water there, and a great facility to immerge or dipp the men who came to consecrate themselves to Pennance by this holy ceremony.

When JESUS-CHRIST came to Saint John to the end that by receiving Baptisme he might elevate it to a more wonderfull effect, the Scriptu- Mat. 3. 16. res fay that he ascended out of Mark. 1. 10.

the waters of Jordan to denote that he had been wholy and entirely immerged, or dipped.

It do's not appeare in the Acts of the Apostles that the three thousand, and five thousand who were converted at the first Sermons of Saint Peter were baptifed after any other manner : and the great number of these converts is no proofe that they were baptifed by sprinkling, as some would conjecture. For, besides that nothing obliges us to affirme they were all baptifed upon the same day, it is certain that Saint John Baptist who baptifed no leffe then they, fince all Judea flocked to him, did notwithstanding baptise them by immersion or dipping, and his example has showed us that to baptise a great nomber of man they were accustomed to

make choice of a place where there was much water: to which wee may further add that the baths and purifications of the antients, and principally those of the Jewes rendred this ceremony facile and familiar in this time.

In fine wee read not in the Scriptures of any other manner of baptifing, and wee can shew by the acts of Councils, and by antient Rituells that for thirteen hundred yeares the whole Church baptifed after this manner as much as it was possible.

The very word also which is used in the Rituells to expresse the action of Godfathers and Godmothers when they say that they elevate the child from the font of Baptisme, shows sufficiently that it was the custome to immerge or

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dipp them in it. Though these truths be without dispute, yet neither wee nor the pretended Reformers regarde the Anabaptists who hold that this immersion is essentiall and no wayes to be dispensed with, and neither the one nor the other of us have any difficulty to change this plunging (if I may call it so) of the whole body, into a meere sprinckling or a powring upon some part of the body.

No other reason can be given for this change, but that this immersion or dipping is not essentiall to Baptisme; and the pretended Resormers agreeing herein, the first principle wee have layd must be

also without contest.

6 II.

Second Principle.

To know the substance or essence of a Sacrament, wee must regarde the essentiall essect.

THE second principle is, that to distinguish what appertaines or do's not appertaine to the substance of a Sacrament, wee must regard the essential effect of that Sacrament.

Thus, though the words of Jesus-Christ, Baptise, signify immerge or dipp, as has beene already said yet it was believed that the effect of the Sacrament was not restrained to the quantity of the water: so that Baptisme by infusion and sprinckling or by immersion or dipping appearing in sub-

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stance to have the same effect, both the one and the other manner is judged vallid.

But (as wee have said) no effentiall effect of the Body distinct from that of the Blood can be found in the Eucharist: so that the Grace both of the one and the other in the ground and in substance can be no other but the same.

It is nothing to the purpose to say, that the representation of the death of our Lord is more exactly expressed in the two species; I grant it, in like manner the representation of new birth of the faithfull is more exactly expressed by immersion or dipping, then by meere insusion or sprinckling. For the faithfull being dipped or plunged in the water of Baptisme is buryed with Jesus-Christ, according to the

Rom. 6. 4. Coloff. 2. 12. expression of the Apostle; and the same faithfull coming out of the waters, comes out of the Grave with his Saviour, and represents more perfectly the mystery of Jesus-Christ

that regenerated him.

Immersion by which water is applyed to the whole body and to all its parts, do's also more perfectly fignify that a man is fully and entirely washed from his sports. And yet Baptisme given by immersion or plunging is of no more vallue then Baptisme given by meere infusion and upon one only part : it suffiles that the expression of the mystery of JESUS-CHRIST and of the effect of Grace be found in substance in the Sacrament, and that an ultimate exactnesse of representation is not there requisite.

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Thus, in the Eucharist, the fignification of the death of our Lord being found in fubstance when the Body delivered for us in given to us, and an expression of the Grace of the Sacrament being also found when under the species of Bread the image of our spirituall nourishment is administred unto us, the Blood which dos nothing but add to it a more expresse signification, is not there absolutely necessary. This is what is manifestly

proved by the very words of our Lord and the reflection of Saint Paul, when relating 1. Cor. 11.25. thefe words, Do this in remembrance of me, he immediately after concludes, that so often as wee eat this Bread and drinke this Cupp wee shew forth the death of our Lord. Thus, ac-

under both Species. cording to the interpretation of the Disciple, the Masters intention is that when he ordaines wee should be mindfull of him, wee should be mindfull of his death. To the end therefore wee may rightly understand wheather the remembrance of this death confifts in the sole participation of the whole mystery, or in the participation of either of its parts, wee need but consider that our Saviour dos not expect till the whole mystery be ended and the whole Eucharist received in both its parts, before he sayes, Do this in remembran- Ibid. 24. 25. ce of me. Saint Paul remarked that at each part he expressely ordained this remembrance. For after having said, Eat, This is my Body, do this in remembrance of me, in giving the Blood he again repeates, As Hv

178 A Treatife of Communion often as you shall drinke this, do it in remembrance of me; declaring unto us by this repetition that wee shew forth his death in the participation of each kinde. From whence it follwes that when Saint Paul concludes from these words, that in eating the Body, and drinking the Blood wee shew forth the death of the Lord, wee must understand that this death is not only shown forth by taking the whole, but also by taking either part, and the rather because it is otherwise apparent that in this mysticall Seperation which Jesus-CHRIST. has fignifyed by his words, the Body seperated from the Blood, and the Blood seperated from the Body have the same effect to shew forth the violent death of our Lord. So that if there be a more difunder both Species: 179

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his death is wholy and entire

represented, and the whole

Grace applyed to us.

But if any here demande, to what purpose then was the institution of both species, and this more lively represention of the death of our Lord which wee have here remarked, it is that they will not reflect of one quality of the Eucharift. well known to the antients though rejected by our Reformers. All the antients beleeved that the Eucharist was not only a nourishment but also a facrifice, and that it was offered to God in confecrating of it before it was given to the people: which is the cause why the table of our Lord, fo

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tearmed by Saint Paul in his s. Cor. 10. 21. Epistle to the Corinthians, is Heb. 13. 10. called Altar by the same Apostle in the Epistle to the Hebrewes. It is not our businesse

Exp. art. 14.

here neither to establish nor explaine this facrifice the nature of which may be seene in our Treatise of the Exposition, and I shall only fay, because my subject requires it, that JESUS-CHRIST has made this sacrifice of the Eucharist to consist in the most perfect representation of the facrifice on the Crosse that could be imagined. Whereupon it is that he said expressely, This is my Body, and This is my Blood, renewing mystically by these words, as by a spirituall sword, togeather with all the wounds he received in his Body the totall effusion of his Blood; and although this Body and this

Blood once seperated ought to be eternally reunited in his Refurrection to make a perfect man perfectly living, he would notwithstanding that this seperation once made upon the Crosse should never cease to appeare in the mystery of the holy table. It is in this mysticall seperation that he would have the essence of the facrifice of the Eucharist to consist to make it a perfect image or representation of the sacrifice of the Crosse: to the end that as this later facrifice confits in the actuall seperation of the Body and Blood, this likewise which is the perfect image of it should confift also in this representative and mysticall seperation. But whether Jesus-CHRIST has seperated his Body and his Blood either really upon the Crosse, or mysti-

182 A Treatife of Communion cally upon the Altars, yet can he not seperate the vertue, nor effect that any other Grace shall accompany his Blood shed then that same in the ground and in Substance which accompanyes his Body immolated: which is the cause that this so lively and fo strong a resemblane or expression, necessary to the facrifice, is no more fo in the reception of the Eucharist, it being every whit as impossible to seperate in the application the effect of his Blood from that of his Body, as it is easy and naturall to represent to the eyes of the faithfull the actuall seperation of the one from the other. For this reafon it is that wee have found upon so many occasions in antiquity the Body given without the Blood, and the Blood given without the Body, but ne-

under both Species. wer one of them consecrated without the other. Our Forefathers were perswaded that the faithfull would be deprived of some thing too pretious if the two species were not consecrated in which JESUS-CHRIST had made togeather with the perfect representation of his death the essence of the sacrifice of the Eucharist to consist; but that nothing effentiall was taken from them in giving them but one, because one only containes the vertue of both, and the minde once preoccupayed by the death of our Lord in the confectation of the two fpecies, receives nothing from the Altar where they were confecrated which do's not conserve this figure of death, and the character of a victime: in so much that whether wee

184 A Treatise of Communion eate, or whether wee do both togeather, wee allwayes apply the same death, and receive allwayes the same Grace in substance.

Neither must so much stresse bee put upon the eating and drinking, seing that eating and drinking spiritually, is apparently the same thing, and that both the one and the other is to believe. Let it be then that wee eate, or that wee drinke according to the body, wee both eat and drinke togeather according to the spirit if wee believe, and wee receive the whole effect of the Sacrament.

6 III.

That the Pretended Reformers do agree with us in this principle, and can have no other foundation of their discipline.

An Examen of the dostrine of M. Turieux in his booke entilled, Le Préservatif, &c.

BUT without any further dispute, I would only aske the Ministers of the Pretended Reformed Religion whether they do not believe, when they have received the bread of the Lords Supper with a firme faith, they have received the Grace which do's fully incorporate us to Jesus-Christ, and the entire fruict of his facrifife? What will then the species of wine add there unto, if not a more full expression of the fame mystery?

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Furthermore, they beleeve they receive not only the figure but the proper substance of Jesus-Christ. Whether it bee by Faith or otherwise, is not to our present purpose. Do they receive it whole and entire, or do they only receive one halfe of it when the Bread of the Lords Supper is given to them? JESUS-CHRIST is he divided? And if they receive the substance of Jesus-CHRIST whole and entire, let them tell us whether the efsence of the Sacrament can be wanting to them?

And it can be no other then this reason that as persuaded them they could give the bread alone to those who could not drinke wine. This is expresse in the VII art. of the XII. chapter of their discipline, which is that concerning the Supper.

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This argument proposed at first by the great Cardinall Richelieu intangled very much the Pretended Reformers. I have endeavoured in my Expo- Exp. art. fition to folve some of the XVII. answers they give thereto, and I have carefully related what their Synods have regulated in confirmation of that article of their discipline. The matter is left without contest: those who have writ against me have all of them with one accord acknowledged it as publick and notorious; but they do not likwife agree in the manner of answering it.

All were not fatisfyed with the common answer, which only consists in faying that thofe mentioned in the article of their discipline are excused from taking the wine by their incapacity of drinking it, and 188 A Treatife of Communion that it is a particular case which must not be drawne into a consequence; for on the contrary they faw very well that this particular case ought to be decided by generall principles. If the intention of Jesus-CHRIST were that the two species should be inseperable: if the essence or fubstance of the Sacrament confift in the union of the one and the other: fince essenses are indivisible, it is not the Sacrament which these receive, it is a meere humaine invention, and has not its foundation in the Gospell.

They were forced therefore at last, but with extreame paine, and after infinite turnings and windings, to say that in this case he who receives only the Bread dos not receive the Sacrament of Jesus-Christ.

M. Jurieux who writ the last

under both Species. 189 against my Exposition in his book entitled, Le Préservatif, Préservatif, after having seen the answers art. XIII. of all the others, and after ha- fair. ving given himselfe much trouble sometimes in being angry at M. de Condom, who amuses himselfe (sayes he) like a petty Missioner in things of so low a nature and in these old kind of cavils, sometimes in putting as much stresse as he can upon this impossibility so often repeted; at last concludes that the party mentioned to whom p. 264 the Bread alone is given, to fpeake properly dos not take with the mouth the Sacrament of JESUS-CHRIST, because this Sacrament is composed of two parts, and he receives but one: this he likewise confirmes Exam. de in the last booke he set forth. PEuch. Tr. 6. This is what the Pretended Reformers durst nost (that I

know of) hetherto affirme. Verily a Communion which is not a Sacrament is a strange mystery; and the Pretended Reformers, who are at last obliged to acknowledge it, would do as well to grant the consequence wee draw from their discipline, seing they can finde no other way to unty this knott, but by a prodigy never heard of in the Church.

Préservatif, p. 266. 267. But the doctrine of this Author appeares yet more strange when considered with all its circumstances. According to him, the Church presents in this case the true Sacrament; but neverthelesse, what is received is not the true Sacrament, or raither, it is not a true Sacrament as to the signe, but it is a true Sacrament as to the thing signifyed, because the faithfull

receive Jesus-Christ signifyed by the Sacrament, and receive as many Graces as those who communicate under the Sacrament it selfe, because the Sacrament is presented to him whole and entire, because he receives it with heart and affection, and because the sole insuperable impossibility hinders him to communicate under the signe.

What do these subtilityes availe him? He might conclude from his arguments, that the faithfull who cannot, according to his principles, receive the true Sacrament of JESUS-CHRIST seeing he cannot receive an essentiall part, is excused by his inability from the obligation to receive at all, and that the desire he has to receive the Sacrament supplyes the essection to the that upon this account week

192 A Treatise of Communion should be obliged to seperate that which is inseperable by its institution, and to give a man a Sacrament which he cannot receive, or rather to give him folemnly that which being not the true Sacrament of TESUS-CHRIST, can be nothing else but meere bread, is to invent a new mystery in Christian Religion, and to deceive in the face of the Church à Christian who beleeves he receives that which in reality he do's nor.

Behold neverthelesse the last refuge of our Reformers: behold what he has writ who writ against me the last of any, whose booke is so much spread by the Protestants through France, Holland, and other parts in divers languages, with a magnificent Preface, as the most efficacious antidote the

under both Species. 193 new Reforme could invent against this Exposition so often attaqued. He has found out by his way of improving and refining of others, this new absurdity, that what is received amongst them with fo much folemnity when they cannot drinke wine, is not the Sacrament of our Lord, and that it is by consequence a meere invention of humain wilt. which a Church who faves she is founded upon the pure word of God, is not afraid to establish without so much as finding one syllable of it in

To conclude, Jesus-Christ has not made a particular law for those wee here speake of. Man could not dispense with them in an expresse precept of our Lord, nor allow them any thing he did not institu-

that word.

194 A Treatife of Communion re. Wherefore either nothing must be given them, or if one species be given them, it must be believed, that by the institution of our Lord this single species containes the whole essence of the Sacrament, and that the receiving of the other can add nothing but what is accidentall to it.

6. IV.

The third Principle.

The law ought to be explained by constant and perpetuall Prastife.

In exposition of this Principle by the example of the civil law.

BUT to come to our third Principle, which alone carryes along with it the decision of this question. This is it. To know what appertaines or do's not appertaine to the substance of the Sacraments, wee must consult the practise and sentiment of the Church.

Let us speake more genetally: In all practical matters wee must alwayes regard, what has been understood and practised by the Church, and as herein consists the true spirit of the law.

I write this for an intelligent and clearlighted Judge, who is sensible, that to understand an Ordonance, and to discerne the meaning of it aright, hee must know after what manner it was alwayes understood and practised: otherwise since every man argues after his owne fashon, the law would become arbitrary. The rule then is to examin how it has been understood and how practi-

196 A Treatise of Communion fed: in follwing which a man shall not be deceived.

God to honour his Church, and to oblige particuler persons to her holy decisions, would that this rule should have place in his law, as it has in humain lawes; and the true manner to understand this holy law is to consider in what manner it has alwayes been understood and observed in the Church.

The reason of this is that there appeares in this interpretation and perpetuall practise a Tradition which cannot come but from God himselfe, according to this doctrine of the Fathers, that what is seene alwayes and in all places of the Church cannot come but from the Apostles who learned it from Jesus-Christ, and from that Spirit of truth which he has given for a teacher.

And for feare any one should be deceived by the different significations of the word Tradition, I declare that the Tradition I alledge here as a necessary interpreter of the law of God, is an unwritten doctrine procedeng from God himselste, and conserved in the judgement and practise of the universall Church.

I have no neede here to prove this Tradition; and what followes will make it appears that our Reformers are forced to acknowledge it at least in this matter. But it will not be amisse to remove in few words the false ideas which they ordinarily apply to this word of Tradition.

They tell us that the authority which wee give to Tradition, subjects the Scripture to the thoughts of men, and declares it imperfect.

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They are palpably deceived.
Scripture and Tradition make togeather but one and the same body of doctrine revealed by God; and so far is it that the obligation of interpreting Scripture by Tradition subjects the Scripture to the thoughts of men, that there is nothing can give it more preeminence above them.

When particular persons are permitted, as it is amongst our Pretended Reformers, to interpret Scripture every one according to his own fancy, there is liberty necessarily given to arbitrary interpretations, and in effect scripture is subjected to the thoughts of men, who interpret it each one according to his own mode: but when every one in particular is obliged to receive it in the sense the Church doth receive and

under both Species. alwayes hath received it, there is nothing elevates the authority of Scripture more, nor renders it more independent of all

particular opinions.

A man is never more affured to understand aright the spirit and sense of the law, then when he understands it as it has alwayes been understood fince its first establishment. Never dos a man honour more the Lawgiver, the minde is never more captivated under the authority of the law, nor more restrained to its true sense, never are particular lights and falle gloffes more excluded.

Thus when our Fore Fathers in all their Councils, in all their Books, in all their Decrees obliged themselves by an indifpensable law to understand the Holy Scriptures as it has been alwayes understood; they were fo far fom believing that by this meanes they submitted it to humain phancies, that on the contrary they believed there was no surer meanes to exclude them.

The Holy Ghost who dictated the Scripture, and depofited it in the hands of the Church, gave her an understanding of it from the beginning and in all ages: in so much that the sence thereof, which has alwayes appeared in the Church, is as well inspired as the Scripture it selfe.

The Scripture is not imperfect because it has need of such an interpretation. It belonged to the majesty of Scripture to be concise in its words, profound in its sense, and full of a wisdome which alwayes appeared so much the more impenetrable by how much the more it was penetrated into. It was with these characters of the divinity that the Holy-Ghost was pleased to invest it. It ought to be meditated on to be understood; and that which the Church has alwayes understood thereof by meditating upon it, ought to be received as a law.

So that that which is not write is no lesse venerable then that which is, whilst both of them come by the same way. Each one corresponds to the upholding of the other, seing that Scripture is the necessary groundworke of Tradition, and Tradition the infallible interpreter of Scripture.

If I should affirme that the whole Scripture ought to be interpreted after this manner, I should affirme a truth which the Church has alwayes ac-

knowleged: but I should recede from the matter in question. I reduce my selfe to things of practise, and principally to what is of ceremony. I maintaine that wee cannot distinguish what is essentiall and indispensable from what is left to the liberty of the Church; but by examining Tradition and constant practise.

This is what I undertake to prove by Scripture it selfe, by all antiquity, and to the end that nothing may be wanting in point of proofe, by the plain confession of our very adver-

farves.

ny I do here comprehend the Sacraments which are in effect facred fignes and ceremonyes divinely instituted to fignify and confer Grace.

Experience shewes that what

belongs to ceremony cannot be well explained, but by the received manner of practifing it.

By this our question is decided. In the sacred ceremony of the Lords Supper wee have seene that the Church has alwayes believed she gave the whole substance and applyed the whole vertue of the Sacrament, in giving only one sole species. Behold what has been alwayes practised; behold what ought to stand for a law.

This rule is not rejected by the Prerended Reformers. Wee have even now seeme that if they had not believed that the judgement of the Church and her interpretation stand for a law, they would never have divided the supper in favour of those who drinke no wine, nor given a decision which is

not in the Gospell.

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But it is not in this only that they have followed the interpretation of a Church. Wee shall shortly fee many other points, where they cannot avoid having recourse to this

rule wee propose.

I establish therefore without hesitation this generall proposition, and I advance as the constant practise, acknowleged by the antient and moderne Jewes, by the Christians in all ages, and by the Pretended Reformers themselves, that the ceremonial lawes of both the old and new Testament cannot be understood but by practise, and that without this meanes it is impossible to comprehend the true spirit of the law.

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A proofe from the observances of the old Testament.

THE matter is more surpriwhere every thing was circumstanced and particularised with fo much care : yet norwithftanding it is certain that a law written with so much exactnesse stood in neede of Tradition and the interpretation of the Synagogue to be well understood.

The law of the Sabaoth alone fournisheth many examples of this.

Every one knowes how firid Exed. 16. 23 was the observance of this sa-35. 3. cred rest, in which it was forbid under paine of death, to prepare their diet or so much as to light their fire. In a word the law forbid so precisely all

206 A Treatife of Communion manner of worke, that many durst scarce move on this holy day. At least it was certain that none could either undertake or continue a journey; and wee know what hapned to the army of Antiochus Sidetes, when foseph. Ant. this Prince stopped his march in favour of John Hyrcanus and the Jewes during two dayes on which their law obliged them to a rest equal to that of the Sabaoth. In this ftrict obligasion to remain in rest Tradition and custome alone had explicared how far one might go without violating the tranquility requifite during these holy dayes. From hence comes that manner of speech mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles, from fuch a place to fuch a place, is a Sabaoth dayes journey. This Tradition was established in the time of our Saviour, nei-

AH. 1, 12.

ther did he nor his Apostles who mentioned it ever reprehend it.

The exactitude of this rest Luk. 13. 154 did not hinder but that it was 14.50 permitted to untye a beast and lead it to drinke, or to pull it out if fallen into a ditch. Our Lord who alledges these examples as publick and notorious to the Jewes, dos not only not blame them, but further authorises them, though the law had said nothing concerning them, and that these actions seemed to be comprehended under the generall prohibition.

It must not be imagined that these observances were of little or no importance in a law so severe, and where it was necessary to take care even to an iota and the least title, the least prevarication drawing down

208 A Treatise of Communion most terrible paines and an inevitable malediction upon the

transgressors.

But behold a thing which appeares yet more important in the time of the Machabees a 32.38.40.41. question was proposed whether it was permitted to defend ones life upon the Sabaoth day; and the Jewes fuffered themselves to be killed, til fuch times as the Synagogue had interpreted and declared that selfe defence was permitted, though the law had not excepted that action.

In permitting selfe defence, they dit not permitt an onsett, what advantage foever might thereby arrive to the publick. and the Synagogue durst never

go so far.

Joseph. Ant. 14. 8.

1. Mach. 2.

2. Mach. 15.

8. 2. O.C.

But after the Synagogue had permitted selfe defence there remained yet one scrupule;

It was an indispensable law to observe the new Moons to the end they might celebrate

210 A Treatife of Communion a Feast which the law ordained precifely upon that day, and might also calculate exactly the other dayes which had their particular observances. There were no Ephemerides regulated in those first times and befides the Jewes never trusted to any thing of that nature, and not being willing to expose themselves to the errours of calculation, they found no other security then to cause some persons to obferve upon the highest mountains when the Moon should appeare. Neither the manner of observing this, nor of coming and declaring this to the Council, nor that of publishing the new Moone, and the beginning of the Festivall were expressed in the law. Tradition had provided for thefe; and the fame Tradition had

decided that what was requifite in order to the observation and declaration of the new Moon was not contrary to the law of the Sabaoth.

I will not speake of the sa-Levis. 4. s. criffles, nor of the other ceremonyes which were performed upon the Sabaoth day according to the law, because the law having regulated them, wee might say it had made an exception in this point: but there are many other things which were to be done on the Sabaoth day in cases which the law had not regulated.

When the Passover fell upon the first day of the weeke, which is our Sunday, there were divers things to be done for the preparation of the Paschall facrifile. The victime was to be chosen, it was to be examined by the Priests if it had the qualifica-

212 A Treatife of Communion tion requisite, it was to be led to the Temple and to the Altar, to be immolated at the hower prefixed. All these things with many others were done upon the vigil of the Passeover. The levained bread was likewise to be cast away, which according to the precise tearmes of the law, ought not to be found throughout all Israel, when the day of the Passeover begun. The law might have regulated that these things should be done upon the Fryday, when the Passeover fel upon Sunday; or otherwise dispense with the observance of the Sabaoth to accomplish them. It would not do it: Tradition alone authorised the Priests to do their functions; and wee may fay in these cases, as well as in those which our Bleffed Saviour has

Exed. 12. 15.

noted, that the Priests violate Math. 12. 5.
the Sabaoth in the Temple, and

are without reproach.

And do's he not also appro- 1bid. 4.

ve what David did, when prefsed with hunger he eat the 1. Kings. 11.4.

Bread of proposition contrary to the law, and followed
the interpretation of the High
Priest Achimelec, though it
were no where written.

The Passeover and all the Feasts of the Israelites as well as their Sabaoths begun in the evening and at the time of Vespres according to the expresse disposition of the law: but though the true time of Vespress be the setting of the Sun, yet the Vespress were not taken so precisely amongst the Jewes, The law neverthelesse had not determined it, and custome alone had regulated that Vespress or the evening should

begin presently after mid-day, and when the Sun begun to decline.

Neither could it also be determined by the precise tear-

mes of the law what was that time beiwixt the two Veffres, which is ordained for the Paffeover in the Hebrew text of Exodus, and Tradition alone had explicated that it was all that time which was comprehended betwixt the declining of the Sun, and its setting.

It cannot be denyed but that all these things were of an abfolute necessity for the observation of the law; and if it appears that the law would not foresee them, it ought to be concluded that it would leave the explication of them to custome.

The same thing may be said of divers other ceremonyes,

under both Species. 215 which, according to the tearmes of the law, concurred precifely at the same time, neither was it possible to performe them togeather. For example, the law ordined an evening facrifife which ought to be offered every day, and this was that they called the Tamid or the perperuall sacrifise. There was that of the Sabaoth, and that also of the Passeover which weere all to be performed at the same hour; in such fort that upon Easter day, according to the prescript of the law, these three sacrifises concurred togeather : There was neverthelesse but one only Altar for the Sacrifiles, and it was neither permitted nor possible to offer all these sacrifises at the same time. Nor did they know how or where to begin; and in so strict an obfervance as the law exacted in all rigour, they might have fallen into an unavoidable labarinth, if custome had not explicated that the more ordinary sacrifise ought to be offered first. So that they were not afraid to anticipate the perpetual sacrifise to give place to that of the Sabaoth, and that also of the Sabaoth to give place to the Passeover.

Deut. 7. 1.2

If wee stick to the precise termes of the law of Moyses, wee finde no mariage with strangers forbidden but only those which were contracted with the daughters of the seaven Nations so often detested in the Scripture. It was these abominable Nations which were to be exterminated without mercy. It was the daughters of these Nations who should seduce the Israelites, and allure them

Ibid. 2. Ibid. 4.

under both Species. 219 re them to the worship of false Gods; and it was for this reason that the law forbid to marry them. There was nothing of this kind said, neither of the daughters of the Moabites and Ammonites, nor of those of the Egyptians, and fo far was marriage from being forbidden with the daughters Ruth. 4. of the Moabites, that Booz is prayled by the whole Council and by all the people for marrying Ruth who was of that Country. Behold what wee finde in the law, and neverthelesse wee finde that in the time of 1. Efd. 9. 1 Esdras it was a thing established 2. Esd. 19. amongst the Jewes to number 1. 2. 0% the Egyptians, the daughters of the Ammonites and Moabites, and in a word of all strangers in the same ranke with the Chananites: in so much that they broke all the marriages contracted

218 A Treatife of Communion with these women as abominable. From whence comes this, if not that fince Salomons time a long experience having taught the Israelites that the Egyptians and other strangers did no lesse feduce them then the Chananites, they beleeved they ought equally to exclude them all, not fo much by the letter and propper tearmes, as by the spirit of the law; which they also interpreted contrary to the precedent practise in respect of the Moabites, the Synagogue alwayes beleeving herselfe to have received from God himselfe a right to give decisions, according to occurring necesfityes?

axod. 21. 24. will perfuade himselfe that they observed according to the letlev. 24. 19. ter and in all forts of cases, that

Dont. 19. 21. severe law of Talionis so often

under both Species. 219 repeated in the Bookes of Moyses. For even to regard these tearmes only eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, brufe for bruse, wound for wound, nothing dos appeare to establish a more perfect and a more just compensation; yet nothing is in reality further from it, if wee weigh the circumstances, and nothing in fine would have been more unequall then fuch an equality: nor indeed is it alwayes possible to give to a malefactor a wound altogeather proportionable to that he had given his brother. Practi-Se taught the Jewes that the true dessigne of the law was to make them fensible there ought to be a reasonable compensation, profitable both to particulars and to the publick, which as it consists not in a precife point, nor in a certain mea-

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fure, the same practise determined it by a just estima-

It would not be hard to alledge many other Traditions of the antient people as much approved of as these. The ablest writers of the new reforme do grand it. When therefore they would destroy all unwritten Traditions in generall (under pretense of the words of our Lord where he condemnes thofe Traditions which were contrary to the tearmes or to the fense and intent of the law, and in short those which had not a sufficiently sollid foundation) there is no fincerity in their discourses; and all men of sence will agree that there was lawfull traditions though not written, without which the practise it selfe of the law was impossible; in so much that it

Math. 15. 3. Mark. 7. 7. under both Species. 221 cannnot be denyed but that they obliged in conscience.

Will the Gentlemen of the Pretended Reformed Religion permit me to mention in this place the Tradition of prayer for the dead? This prayer is manifest by the Book of Ma- 2. Mach. 15. chabees : neither neede wee 43: 46. here enter into dispute with these Gentlemen whether this Booke be canonicall or no, seeing it suffices as to this point that it was certainly writ before the Gospell. This custome remaines to this day amongst the Jewes, and the tradition of it my be afferted by these words of Saint Paul : What shall they 1. Cor. 15. 29. do else who are baptised, that is to say purifyed and mortifyed for the dead, if the dead rife not at all? Jesus-Christ and his Apostles had found amongst the Jewes this Tradition of

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222 A Treatife of Communion praying for the dead without reprehending them for it; on the contrary it passed immediately from the Judaicall to the Christian Church, and Protestants who have writ bookes where they shew this Tradition was established in the primitive times of Christianity, could yet never shew the beginning of it. Notwithstanding it is certain there was nothing of it in the law. It came to the Jewes by the same way which handed to them fo many other unviolable Traditions.

But if a law which descendes to so minute particulars, and which is (as I may say) wholy literall, stood in need, that it might be rightly understood according to its true sence, of being interpreted by the practise and declarations of the Synagogue, how much more need have wee in the law of the Gospell where there is a greater liberty in the observances, and where the practises are lesse circumstanced.

A hundred examples will manifest the truth of what I say. I will draw them from the very practises of the Pretended Reformers themselves, and I will not stick at the same time to relate togeather with them (as a thing which will decide the matter) what passed for current in the antient Church, because I cannot imagine that these Gentlemen can with sincerity reject it.

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6 V I.

A proofe from the observances of the New Testament.

THE institution of the Sa-baoth day preceded the law of Moyses and had its ground from the creation; and neverthelesse these Gentlemen dispense as well as wee with that observance without any other foundation then that of Tradition and the practife of the Church, which cannot be dirived from other then divine authority.

AA. 20. 7. 3. Cor. 16. 2.

The allegation that the first day of the weeke confecrated by the Refurrection of JESUS-CHRIST, is mentioned in the writings of the Apostles as a day of affembly for Christians, and that it is also called in the Apoc. 2. 10. Revelations, the day of the Lord,

ander both Species. 225 or Sunday. Is vaine for besides that there is no mention made in the New Testament of that rest annexed to the Sunday, it is moreover manifest that the addition of a new day dit not suffise to take away the solemnity of the old, nor to make us change the Preceps of the Decalogue togeather with humain Tradition.

The prohibition of eating Blood, and that of eating the flesh of strangled creatures was given to all the children of Noe before the establishment of legal observances, from which wee are freed by the Gospel, and the Apostles have confirmed it in the Council of Jerusalem in joyning it to two unchangeable observances, of which the one is the prohibition to participate of sacrifices to Idols, and the other the con-

demnation of the fin of fornication. But because the Church alwayes believed that this law though observed during many ages was not essentiall to Christianity, the Pretended Reformers as well as we dispence with themselves about it, though the Scriptures have no where derogated from so precise and so solemne a decision of the Apostles expressely registred in their Acts by Saint Luke.

But to shew how necessary it is to know the Tradition and practise of the Church in what regards the Sacraments, let us consider what is practifed in the Sacrament of Baptisme, and that of the Eucharist, which are the two Sacraments our adversaryes acknowledge with one accord.

It is to the Apostles, that is

under both Species. 227
to the heads of the flock, that Math. 18.19.

JESUS-CHRIST gave the charge of administring Baptistretul. de me: notwithstanding the who-Bapt.

Concil. Illid. 18. 18. 19.

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conly that Priests, but Deacons also yea even all the faithfull, in cases of necessity, were the Ministers of this Sacrament.

Tradition alone has interpreted that Baptisme (which Jesus-Christ committed only into the hands of his Church and of his Apostles) could be validly administred by Hereticks, and out of the communion of the truly faithfull.

In the XI. chapter of the Discipline of the Pretended Reformers, and first article, it is said that Baptisme administration Disciple. C. XI. tred by him who has no vocation art. I. Gobat at all is wholy nul; and the observations drawn from the

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Synods declare, that to the validity of this Sacrament it suffices that these Ministers have an outwardly seeming vocation, such as is that of Curates, Priests, and Religious men in the Roman Church who are permitted to preach. Where do they finde in Scripture that this outwardly seeming vocation can conferre a power which Jesus-Christ has given only to those whom he himselfe did effectively call.

JESUS-CHRIST said, Baprize, that is immerge or dipp, as wee have often remarked. Wee have also related that he was baptized according to this forme; that the Apostles sollowed it, and that it was continued in the Church till the XII and XIII. ages; and notwithstanding Baptisme by insusion or sprincling is admitunder both Species. 229 ted without difficulty by the fole authority of the Church.

JESUS-CHRIST said, Teach Math. 18. 19.
and baptize; and again, He that Mark. 16. 15.
beleeveth and is baptized, shall
be saved. The Church has interpreted by the sole authority
of Tradition and practise that
the instruction and faith which
JESUS-CHRIST had united
to Baptisme, might be seperated in order to little infants.

These words, Teach and ba-Discip. c. XI. prize, did a long time perplexe art. VI. our Reformers, and occasioned them to say till the yeare 1614. that it was not lawfull to baptize with out a precedent or an immediately subsequent sermon. This is what was decided in the Synod of Tonneins conformably to all the precedent Synods. But in the Synod of Castres in 1626. they begun to relaxe as to this point, and

230 A Treatise of Communion it was resolved not to press the observance of the regulation of Tonneins. Lastly in the Synod of Charinton in 16; 1. (in which they admitted the Lutherans to the Supper) it was declared, that preaching before or after Baptisme, appertaines not to the efsence of it, but to discipline of which the Church has pover to difpofe. So that what they had beleeved and practifed fo long, as prescribed by JESUS-CHRIST himselfe, was changed; and without any testimony of Scriprure they declared that it was a thing concerning which the Church might ordaine as she pleased.

As for little infants, the Pretended Reformers fay verry well that their Baptisme is founded upon Scripture, but they eite no expresse passage, and they argue from farfetched, not to say doubtfull yea and even

false consequences.

It is certain that all the proofes they can draw from Scripture upon this subject have no force, and that they themselves destroy those that might have

any.

That which might have for- 1. Tim. 4. 100 ce to establish the Baptisme of little infants, is that on the one side it is written I sus-CHRIST is the Saviour of all, Math. 19. 14 and that he himselfe has said. Suffer little children to come unto mee; and on the other, that he has prononced none can come unto him, nor have any part in him, if he do not receive Baptisme, conformable to these words: If you be not borne again John. 3. 3. 5. of water and the Holy Spirit, you shall not enter into the Kingdome of God. But these passages have no force according to the

doctrine of our Reformers, fince they believe it as of faith that Baptisme is not necessary to the salvation of infants.

Discip. c. XI.

Nothing affords them more difficulty in their Discipline, then to see every day that anxiety of Parents of their communion to have their little children baptized when they are fick or in danger of death. This piety of the parents is called in their Synods, an infirmity. It is a weaknesse to feare least the children of the faithfull should dye without receiving Baptisme. One Synode went so far as to permit them to baptize their children extraordinarily in evident danger of death. But the following Synod reprehended this weaknesfe; and these strong in faith effaced that clause where they testifyed some regarde to that

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danger; because it gives some ouverture to the opinion of the

necessity of Baptisme.

Thus the proofs drawn from the necessity of Baptisme to oblige the giving of it to little infants, are destroyed by our Reformers. Let us see those they substitute in their place, such as are inserted in their Catechif- cate Dim 90. me, in their Confession of faith, Conf. de Foy and in their prayers. That is Forme datthat the children of the Faith-ministrer le full are borne in alliance, conformable to this promis: I shall be thy God, and the God of thy seede to a thousand generations. From whence they conclude that the vertue and substance of Baptisme appertaining to little children, they should do them an injury to deny them the signe which is inferiour.

By the like reason they will finde themselves obliged to gi-

ve them the Supper togeather with Baptisme; for those who are in the alliance, are incorporated to Jesus-Christ; the little children of the Faithfull are in the alliance; they are therefore incorporated to Jesus-Christ; and having by this meanes (according to them) the vertue and substance of the Supper, it ought to be said as of Baptisme, that the signe cannot be refused them without injury.

The Anabaptists maintaine that these words, let a man trye himselve and so let him eat, have no greater force to exact yeares of discretion to receive the Supper, then these, hee that shall believe and shall be baptised, have to exact them in

Baptisme.

The consequence drawn amongst the new Reformers

under both Species. from the alliance of the antient people and from Circumcifion mooves them not. The alliance of the antient people (say they) was contracted by birth because it was carnall; and upon this account the seale was printed in the flesh by Circumcision immediately after birth. But in the new alliance, it dos not suffise to be borne, wee must be newborne to enter into it: and as the two alliances have nothing of refemblance, there is nothing fay they to be concluded from one fign to another, so that the comparation which they make of Circumcision with Baptisme is voide and of no effect.

Experience has shown that all the attempts of our Reformers whereby to confound the Anabaptist from Scripture, has beene weake and feeble. So that at the last they are obliged to plead practise. Wee sinde in their Discipline at the end of the XI. chapter, the forme of receiving persons of a more advanced age int their Communion, where they make the Anabaptist who is converted acknowledge that the Baptisme of little infants has its foundation in Scripture and in the perpetual practise of the Church.

When the Pretended Reformers believe they have the expresse word of God it is not their custome to ground themselves upon the perpetual practise of the Church. But here where the Scripture furnisheth them with nothing whereby to stop the mouths of Anabaptists, they were necessitated to support themselves else where, and at the same time

to acknowledge that in these matters the perpetuall practise of these Church is of an un-

violable authority.

Let us come now to the Eucharift. The Pretended Reformers boast they have found in these words, Drinke ye all of it, Math. 26. 27. an expresse command for all the faithfull to participate of the cupp. But if wee tell them that these words were addresfed to the Apostles only who were present, and had their entire accomplishment when in effect they all drunke of it, as Saint Mark fays, What Mark 14.29. refuge will they finde in Scripture? Where can they finde that these words of JESUS-CHRIST, Drinke ye all of it, are to be applied to any others then to those to whom the same JEsus-CHRIST faid, Do this? But Luk. 22. 195

238 A Treatife of Communion these words, Do this, regard only the Ministers of the Eucharift, who alone can do what Jesus-Chaist did. that is to say consecrate and distribute the Eucharist as well as receive it. By what therefore will they prove that these other words, Drinke ye all of it . have a further extent ? But if they say that some words of our Lord regard all the faithfull, and others the Ministers only, what rule will they finde us in Scripture whereby to distinguish which appertaine to the one and which to the others, feeing JESUS-CHRIST speakes every where after the same manner, and without diftinction? But in fine let it be as it will, fay some of them, these words of Jesus-Christ. Do this, addressed to the Holy Apostles, and in them to all Pas-

under both Species. tors, decide the question, seing that in faying to them, Do this, he ordaines them to do all that he did, by consequence to distribute all that he distributed; and in a word to cause to be done by all succeding ages what Jesus-Christ had caused them to do. This is in effect the most plausible thing they can fay; But they are nothing the wifer, when wee shew them fo many things done by JEsus-Christ in this myftery, which they do not beleeve themselves obliged to do. For what rule have they to make the distinction? And since that Jesus-Christ comprehends all he did under this same word, Do this, without explicating himselfe any further, what other thing remaines, except Tradition, to distinguish what is effentiall from what is not? This argument is without answer, and will appeare so much the more to be so, by how much wee shall more exactly descended to particulars.

JESUS-CHRIST instituted this Sacrament in the evening, 2. Cor. 11. 23. at the beginning of the night in which he was to be delivered. It was at this time he would lea-Ink. 22. 19. ve us his Body given for us: To confecrate at that same hower would be to render the memory of his passion more lively, and with all to represent that JESUS - CHRIST Was to dye at the last hower, that is to say, in the last period of times. Notwithstanding none beleeve these words, Do this, binde us to an hower so full of mysteries.

The Church has made a law to take that fasting which Jesus-

Jesus-Christgave after

Supper.

If wee regard Scripture only, and the words of Jesus-CHRIST which are afferted in it, the Pretended Reformers will never have any thing of certain as to what relates to the Minister of the Eucharift. The Anabaptists and other fuch like fects, beleeve each Faithfull may give this Sacrament in his family without neceffity of another Minister. The Pretended Reformers can never convince them by Scripture only. They cannot proove against them that these words, Do this, were addressed to the Apostles only, if these, Drinke yee all of it, prononced in the following part of the same discourse, and with as little diftinction, were addressed to all the faithfull, as they tell us eve-

242 A Treatife of Communion ry day. And on the other fide it will be answered that the Apostles to whom I E sus- CHRIST faid, Do this, affifted at his holy Table as simple communicants, and not as persons consecrating nor distributing or as Ministers: from whence it may be concluded that these words do not confer upon them any Ministry in particular. And in short it could not be decided but by the help of Tradition that this Sacrament had any Ministers specially established by the Son of God, or that these Ministers ought to be those to whom he has committed the charge of preaching his word.

De cor, mil.

This is that which made Tertullian fay in his booke De corona militis, that wee learne from unwritten Tradition only, that the Eucharist ought not

under both Species. 243 to be received but from the hands Et omibus of Ecclesiasticall superiours, al- mandatum a thoug the comission to give it (if wee regarde precisely the words of Jesus-Christ) was addressed to all the faithfull.

The same Tradition which declares the Pastors of the Church sole Ministers of the Sacrament of the Eucharift. teaches us that the fecond order of these Ministers, that is to fay, the Priests have part in this honour, although Jesus-CHRIST faid not, Do this. but to the Apostles only, who were the heads of his flock.

Wee do not read that our Lord gave his Body or his Blood to each of his Disciples; but only that in breaking the Bread he faid to them, Take and eate; and as for the Cupp, it is likely that having placed it in the mideft of them he ordained them to parDife c. XII.

244 A Treatise of Communion take of it one after the other. The Synod of Privas, one of the Pretended Reformation. mentioned in the IX. Article of the XII. chapter of their Difcipline, sayes, that our Lord permitted the Apostle to distribute the Bread and the Cupp one to the other, and from hand, to hand; But though JESUS-CHRIST did do it after this manner, conftant practise has interpreted that the consecrated Bread and Wine should be given to the faithfull by the Ministers of the Church.

Syn. de Privas, ibid. Syn. de Saint Maixent. Disc. c. XII. Observat. aprés l'art. XIV, Conformably to the example of our Lord and the Apostles some of the Pretended Resormers would have Communicants to give the Cupp to one another; and it is certain this Ceremony was a solemne signe of union. But the Synods of the Pretended Resormers did not

judge it necessary to follow herein what they acknowleged to have been practised by Jesus-Christ and his Apostles in the institution of the Supper, and on the contrary they attribute to the Pastors only the distribution of the Cupp, as well as of the Bread.

All Antiquity allowes to Dea- Conc. Carth.
cons the distribution of the

Cupp, though neither JesusChrist nor his Apostles ordained any thing of this nature that appeares in Scripture:
None ever opposed it, and the
Pretended Reformers approve Disc. XII.
this practise in some of their Cart. IX.

Synods quoted amongst the observations upon the IX. article
of the chapter concerning the
Supper.

They have fince that chan- Ibid. ged this practife, and attributed to the sole Pastors the dif-

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246 A Treatise of Communion tribution of the Eucharist, yea even that of the Cupp to the exclusion of Deacons, and Elders themselves though they feeme amongst them to reprefent the second order of the Ministers of the Church, that is that of Priests, who have alwayes constantly offered and distributed not only the Sacred Chalice, but moreover the whole entire Eucharist.

Ibid. Obferv.

Our Pretended Reformers did P. 18 4. 0 feq. not at first arrive to this decifion. Their first Synods said that the Ministers only should administer the Coupp as far as it might be done. This restriction continued under two and twenty fuccessive nationall Synods, evento that of alais which was held in our dayes in 1620. There they ordained that these words, as far as it might be done, should be expunged, and

under both Species. 247 the administration of the Cupp was referved to the Ministers alone. Till that time the Elders and the Deacons also had upon occasion administred the Eucharift, and principally the Cupp. The Church of Geneva Ibid. p. 166. formed by Calvin had this practife, and it was but in the yeare 16 23. that they there resolved to conforme themselves to the sentiment of those of France. This bufinesse did not passe without contradiction in the Provinces. The reason of the Synod of Alais, as it is inferted in the discipline, is that it appartained only to the lawfully established Pastors to distribute this Sacrament: a Maxime which visibly regards Doctrine, and which by confequence (according to the Principles of the new Reformation) ought to be found expressely in Scripture; L iiij

248 A Treatife of Communion from whence it followes that all the Synods and Pretended Reformed Churches untill that of Alais did groffely erre against the institution of Jesus-Christ. Or if they answer us that these words were not verry cleare (as these variations seeme sufficiently to shew;) they ought to acknewledge with us, that to understand these words a man is obliged to have recourse to the interpretation of the Church, and to that Tradition which subjects us to her.

To be affembled togeather at the same Table is a signe of society and Communion which Jesus-Christ would have to appeare in the institution of his Sacrament, for he was at Table with his Apostles. Some Churches of the Pretended Reformers to imitate this example, and to do all that

Ibid. Observ. aprés l'art. XIV. p. 189. under both Species. 249 our Lord had done ranged the Communicants by table-fulls. The Synod of Saint Maixent cited in the same place rejects this observance.

what was there feemingly more opposite to what had been practised at the institution, then the custome of carrying away with them the Communion, and of receiving it in private? Wee have seen notwithstanding that this was practised in the primitive times of martyrdome not to say any thing here of the following ages.

There appeares nothing in Scripture of the referving (as it should be) the Eucharist for the use of the sick: neverthelesse wee finde it practised from the very original of

Christianity.

Those who mixed the two

A Treatife of Communion species, and tooke them both togeather appeared as much estrainged from the tearmes and designe of the institution as those who received under one only. These two articles have had their approbation in the Church, and the practise of mixing, which displeases our Pretended Reformers the least, is that which wee finde the most forbiden.

Conc. Brac. IV. T. VI. Conc. c. 2.

Conc. Clarom.

Ep. 32.

It is prohibited in the VII. age in the IIII. Council of Brague. It is prohibited in the XI. age in the Council of Clermont where Pope Urbanus the II. was in person with about two hundred Bishops, and by Pope Paschalis the II. The Council of Clermont excepts the cases of necessity and precaution. Pope Paschalis excepts the Communion of infants and of the sick. This

Communion which the West permitted not but with these reservations, was infine established there for some time; and moreover is become from six or seven hundred yeares the ordinary Communion of the whole East without beeing regarded as a matter of schifme.

The most important thing in the Sacraments is the words which give efficacy to the action. Jesus-Christ has not expressely prescribed any for the Eucharist in his Gospel, nor the Apostles in their Epistles. Jesus-Christ in saying, Do this, only infinuated that they should repete his proper words by which the bread and wine were changed. But that which has determined us invincibly to this sense is Tradition. Tradition

has also regulated those prayers which ought to be joyned to the words of Jesus Christ; and it is upon this account Saint Basil in his booke of the Holy-Ghost places amongst unwritten Traditions, the words of invocation which are made use of in consecration, or to render it word for word, when the Eucharist is shown.

Bafil. de Sp. S. 27.

By the VIII article of the XII. chapter of the Discipline of the Pretended Reformers, it is lest indifferent to the Pastors to use the accustomed words in the distribution of the Supper. The article is of the Synods of Sainte-Foy, and of Figeac in the yeares 1578. and 1579. And in effect it appeares in the Synod of Privas held in the yeare 1612. that in the Church of Geneva the Deacons do not speaks.

Ibid. Observ. far l'art. IX. p. 185.

under both Species. 253 no nor even the Ministers in the distribution. So that the Sacrament, according to the doctrine of our Reformers, confifring only in the usage of it, it followes that they acknowlege a Sacrament which subfifts without words. In the fame Synod of Privas, the Dea- 1bid. cons who give the Cupp are forbidden to speake, because JESUS - CHRIST Spoke alone; and the Church of Mets is exhorted to conforme in this to the example of JESUS-CHRIST without nevertheless using any violence.

The example of Jesus-Christ do's not therefore make a law, according to this Synod; and according to other Synods it is freely permitted to seperate in the celebration of this Sacrament, the words which are indeed the foule of the Sacraments, as the example of Baptisme may make apparent, not to alledge here the harmonious consent of the whole Christian world, and of

all ages.

Wee see by these decisions that what JESUS-CHRIST did dos not appeare to be a law to the Pretended Reformers. A distinction must be made betwixt that which is esfentiall and that which is not do it himselfe, he only spoke in general, Do this. It belongs therefore to the Church to do it, and her constant practise ought to be an unviolable law.

Bur in fine to attache our Ministers in their own fortresse, seeing they place the stresse of their argument for the most part in these words, De this: let us see when Jesus-Christ pronounced them.

He dit not pronounce them until after he had said, Take, Luk. 22. 13. eat, this is my Body. For it is then that Saint Luke alone makes him add, Do this in memory of me; this Evangelist not mentioning that he said the like after the Chalice.

It is true Saint Paul mentions, that after the confectation of the Chalice, Jesus-Chris r faid, Do this in re-1. Cor. 11. 29.

Membrance of me so often as you shall drinke. But after all, this discourse of our Saviour, to take it in rigour and in its precise tearmes, imports only a conditionall ordre, to do this in remembrance of Jesus-Christin remembrance of Jesus-Christin and not an order absolutely to do it: the which I could prove by Protestant in-

terpreters, if the thing were not of it selfe too cleare to neede a proofe.

And thus the words, Do this, would be found absolutely applyed to these words only, Take, eate, and the Protestants would loose their cause.

But if they fay, as some of theirs do, that these words attributed to the reception of the Body, Do this in remembrance of me, have the same force as these which are saide after the Chalice, As often as you shall drinke do it in remembrance of me, the one as well as the other ordaining only to do it in remembrance : and not absolutely their cause will be but the worse, because on that account there will not remaine in the whole Gospel any absolute precept (contrary to their doctrine) to reunder both Species. 257 ceive either of the species much lesse both.

It serves them for nothing to answer that the institution of Jesus-Christ suffices them, seeing the question alwayes retournes to know what appertaines to the essence of the institution, Jesus-Christ not having distinguished it, and all the foregoing examples demonstrating invincibly that it cannot be learned but from Tradition.

If they add, that in all cases they cannot be deceived in doing what is written, and what JESUS-CHRIST did: this is with a seeming reason to leave the difficulty untouched, because on the one side they have seene so many things which ought to be observed though they be not regulated in Scriprure; and on the other part they see also so great a

number of those that are written and done by Jesus-Christ, which are not observed amongst themselves, without sinding any thing in Scripture which can assure them they are lesse important then others.

So that without the affistance of Tradition wee should not know how to consecrate, how to give, how to receive, nor in a word how to celebrate the Sacrament of the Eucharist, no more then that of Baptisme; and this discussion may aide us to understand with how much reason Saint Basil said, that in rejecting unwritten Tradition the Gospel it selfe is attached and Preaching

Basil.de Sp. S. written Tradition the Gospel is say. 37. felse is attached and Preaching is reduced to meere words, the meaning of which is not in-

telligible.

In effect all the answers and

all the reasonings of these Ministers do manifestly produce nothing but new difficultyes, and the sole meanes to disentangle themselves, is to search, as wee do, the essence of our Lords institution, and the right understanding of his commands in the Tradition and practise of the Church.

beleeved the grace of the Eucharist was not restrained to both species; if she has beleeved that Communion under one or both species was a saving Communion; if the Prerended Reformers have followed this sentiment in a certain case not mentioned in the Gospel, that is to say, in regard of those who drinke no wine: what difficulty can be founde in a thing regulated by such certain prin-

260 A Treatise of Communion ciples and by so constant a practise?

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Communion under one Species
was established without
contradiction.

WE see also that Communion under one species was established without noise, without contradiction, without complaint, in the same manner as Baptisme was established with bare sprinkling, and other innocent customes.

The feare they had to spill our Saviours Blood in the midst of a multitude which approached to Communion with much confusion, was the reason why the faithfull being always persuaded that one sole species was sufficient, insensibly accustomed themselves to receive in effect but one onely.

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There was so great difficulty not to spill this precious Blood in those Churches where there were but sew Ministers; and where there was a numerous Congregation the precautions which were necessary in distributing of it rendred the service so long especially on great solemnities, and in great assemblies, that for that reason they easily brought themselves to the usage of one sole species.

In the conference held at Difp. Humb. Conftantinople in the yeare Card. apud 1054. under Pope Leo the IX. XI. between the Latins and the Greeks, Cardinall Humbert Bifhop of Sylva candida produced a custome of the Church of Jerusalem, attested by a passage of an antient Patriarke of this Church. This custome was to communicate all the people under the species of bread sole-

262 A Treatise of Communion ly and seperatly, without mingling it with the other according to the practile of the rest of the east. There it is expresly noted that they referved what was remaining of the confecrated Bread of the Eucharist for the Communion of the day following, without giveing there the least intimation of the facred Chalice and this custome was fo antient in that Church that it was attributed to the Apostles, I am willing to acknowlegd that those of Jerusalem were mistaken in that point, seeing there are none but those customes that are as well un verfall as immemoriall which according to the rule of the Church, ought to be referred to that originall. Neverthelesse by this means we see the antiquity of that custome. It was received in the holy city, and throughout

under both Species. the Province that depended upon it, as the Cardinall affirmed. Nicetas Pretoratus his Antagonist dos not in the least contradict him : The wholl world resorted to Jerusalem, and went with a holy zeale to communicate in those parts where the Mysteries of our salvation were accomplished. It was with out doubt the vast multitude of communicants which made the custome to communicate under one species be embraced : not one person complained of it; and Cardinal Humbert who appeared concerned at the mixture, fayes not a word concerning the Communion under one species.

There are many other reasons which induce us to think, that the usage of one sole species bigan on great festivalls, by reason of the multitude of Commu-

264 A Treatise of Communion nicants; and however it was, it is certain the people without the least reluctancy conformed to that manner of communicateing, grounded on the antient faith which they had embraced (viz) that they received under one sole, and under both the species, the same substance of the Sacrament, and the same effect of grace.

The most certain mark that a custome is held as free, is when it is changed without any trouble, so when they defisted either to administer the Communion to little infants, or to baptise them by immersion, not one person was disturbed at it: just so they brought themselves to communicate under one species; and for many ages the people communicated not but in that manner, when the Bohemians bethought themselves

under both Species. 265 felves to fay that it was ill done.

I doe not find that Wiclef their cheif Leader as rash as he was, did yet condemne that custome of the Church : at least it is certain, there is nothing to be seen of it neither in the letters of Gregory the eleveinth, nor in the Tom. XI. two Councils held at London Conc. by William of Courtenay, and by Thomas Arundel Archbishops of Cantorbury, nor in the Councill at Oxford, celebrated by the same Thomas under Gregory the XII. nor in the Councill at Rome under John the XXIII. nor in the Tom. XII. third Councill of London under the same Pope, nor in the Councill of Constance, nor finally in all the Councils, and all the Decrees, where the condemnation of that Arch-Heri-

tick and the Catalogus of his errors are registred: by which it appears, that either he did not insist upon that point, or that there was no great stir made about it.

N. 24.23. an author about shofe times.

Calixtus agrees with Æneas Sylvius an Author neere those times, who writ this History, that the first who mooved that Ouestion was one named Peter Dresde School-Master of Prague, and he made use against us of the authority of that Passage in S. John : If ye eat not the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink not his Bloud you shall have no life in you. This Passage missed Jacobel de Misne who caused the whole Church of Bohemia, towards the end of the XIV. age to revolt. He was followed by John Hus in the begining of the XV. age so that the contest between us about the

under both Species. 267 two species has no higher an

originall.

Moreover it must be remorked that John Hus did not presume at first to say that Communion under both species was necessary: It suffised him that shid. they should grant it was permitted and expedient to give it; but he ditermined not the necessity of it: so certaine and established a thing it was, there was no such necessity.

When any change of essentiall customes is made, the spirit of Tradition always living in the Church, is never wanting to make an opposition. The Ministers withall there great reasonings, find yet very great dissiculty to accustome their people to see their children dye without Baptisme, and in despite of the opinion they have infused into them, that Baptisme

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268 A Treatise of Communion is not necessary to salvation, they are not able to divert the trouble so funest an event produces in them, nor scarce resrraine the Fathers who absolute. ly require their children should be Baptised in that necessity, according to ancient custome. I my felf have observed it by experience, and the same may be seen by what I have cited out of their Synodes : so true it is that a custome which an immemoriall and universall tradition hath imprinted in their mindes as necessary hath an irrissistable power; and so fare are men from being able to extinguish such a sentiment in the wholl Church, that it is very dificult even to extinguish it amongst those who with a deliberate resolution contradict it. If there fore the Communion under one sole species hath pasfed without contradiction, and without noyle, it is, as we have faid, that all Christians from the infancie of Christianity were nourished in that faith; that the same vertue was diffused in either of the two species, and that nothing of the substance was lost when but one of them only was received.

It was not needfull to use any extraordinary effort to make the faithfull enter into this sentiment. The Communion of infants, the Communion of the sick, domestick Communion, the custome to communicate under one or both species indiferently in the Church it selfe, and in holy assemblies, and in fine those other things we have seen, had naturally inspired all the faithfull with this sentiment from the first ages of the Church.

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Conc. Lameth. C. I. T. XI. So when John of Pickham Archbishop of Cantorbury in the XIII.age with so much care caused his people to be taught, that under that one sole species they had distributed to them, they received Jesus-Christ whole and intire, it past without the lest difficulty, and not one persone in the least contradicted it.

It would be cavilling to fay that this great care makes it appear, they mett with some opposition in it, because we have already seen that William Archbishop of Chalons, and Hugo de Sainto Victore, (not to ascend any higher at present) had constantly taught above a hundred yeares before him, the same doctrine, not one sinding in it any thing either new or strange: so much naturally dos it take an impression in the minde. We see in all times and in

ander both Species. 271
all places the Pastorall charity
carefull to prevent even the
least thoughts which ignorance might chance to let fall into the minds of men. And in
fine it is de facto certain, that
there was neither complaint
nor contradiction upon this
article during many ages.

I doe also positively averre that not one of those who beleived the reall presence ever ingenuously called in doubt this integrity, that I may so say, of the person of Jesus-Christ under each species, seing it would have been to give a dead body, to give a body without blood and without soul, the very thoughts of which strikes a horrour.

From whence it comes that in beleiving the reall presence, one is carried to beleive the full sufficiency of commu-

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nion under one species. We see also that Luther was naturally induced to this opinion, and a good while after he had made a publick revolte from the Church, it is certain that he had the matter still as indifferent, or at least of small importance, highly censuring Carlostadius, who had, contrary to his advice established Communion under both kinds,

Ip. Lath. ad and who seemed, said he, to casp. Guttol.
Tom. II. Ep. place the whole reforme in

6. these things of nothing.

He also uttered these insolent words in the Treatise which he published in 1523, upon the formula of the Masse: If a Councill ordained or permited the two species, wee would in contempt of that Councill receive but one of them, or we would neither take the one or the other; and curse those whoreseive both

under both Species. 273 in vertue of that Ordinance: words which shew clearly that when both he and those of his party are of late so obstinately zealous for the two species, it is rather out of a spirit of contradiction then any follid reason.

In effect he approoved the same year the common places of Melancton, where he putts amongst things indifferent Communion under one or both species. In 1528. in his vi- Visit. Sav. fitation of Saxony he left them expressy the liberty to receive but one only, and persisted still in that opinion in 1533. fiveteen years after he had erected himselfe as a Reformer.

The whole Lutheran party supposes that nothing either essentiall or necessary to salvation is lost, when one doth not communicate under both.

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274 A Treatise of Communion fpecies, feeing that in the Apologie of the Confession of Aufbourge (a treatife as authentique with that party, as the Confession of Ausbourge it self, and equally subscribed to by all those who embraced it) it is expresly set downe, That the Church is worthy of excuse for not having received but one fole species, when shee could not have both. But the case is quite otherwife in regard to the authors of this injustice. What a notion of the Church is this which they represent to us before Luthers time as forced to receive but halfe of the Sacrament by the fault of her Pastors! as if the Paftors themselves were not by the institution of JEsus CHRIST, a part of the Church. But in fine it appears from hence (by the concession of the Lutherans) that what

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distroyed the Church, according to them, was not absolutly essentiall, seeing it can never be excusable nor tolerable to receive the Sacraments, upon what account soever contrary to the essence of their institution, and that the right administration of the Sacraments is no less essentiall to the Church, then the pure preaching the word of God.

Calixtus who relates careful- N. 199.

ly all these passages, excuses Luther, and the first authors of the Reformation, upon this account that haveing undertook (see here a memorable acknowledgment, and a worthy beginning of the Reformation) upon this account (sais Calixtus) that the first authors having undertaken it (the Reformation) rather by the violence of others then by any voluntary motive, that is to say

276 A Treatife of Communion rather out of a spirit of contradiction, then out of a fincere love of truth, they could not at first discover the necessity of the precept to communicate under both kinds, nor reject that custome, behold what Calixtus faith, and he fees not how much himselfe over throwes the evidence he attributed to this precept in makieng it apparently unknown to the first authors of that new Reformation, and by those whom they beleeved chosen from God for this worke. Could not they have perceived a thing, which Calixtus findes so cleare? or has not Calixtus overdone it, when he gives us that for fo clear and manifest which is not at all perceived by fuch Doctors ?

But to say no more of them, Calix us himself, that very Calixius who has writ so much

under both Species. against the Communion under one kind, in the end of the same treatise where he hath opposed it so much, is so far from treating of it as a matter where on salvation depends that he declares, he does not exclu- De Commude from the number of the truely iraquen. 200. Faithfull our ancesters who com- ofud. n. 76. municated under one kind above five hundred years since, and that which is much more remarkable now those who communicate so at this very day seing they candoe no better, and concludes in generall that whatever we think or what ewer we practife concerning the Sacrament, cannot put any obstacle to our falvation, nor a warrantable matter of separation, becaus the reception of this Sacrament is not of essentiall obligation. Whether this principle of Calixtus be true and the consequen-

278 A Treatife of Communion ce rightly drawn from it is not our present dispute. It is sufficient fore that this zealous defender of the two kinds is forced at last to grant, that a man may be le faved in that Church where there is but one kind only received: by which he is obliged to aknowlegd, either that a man may obteine falvation out of the true Church, which certainly he will not grant, or, which he will mentaine as little, that the true Church may remainfuch, and yet want a facrament, or, which is more naturall, and what we also in effect doe affirm, that Communion under both kinds is not essentiall to the Sacrament of that Eucharift.

Behold whether these great disputes against Communion under one kind tende. And after having exercised all his subtelty he is comes at last by all these efforts to acknowledg tacitely that which he had endeavored to oppose by such studied and elaborate treatises.

§ VIII.

A refutation of the History concerning the taking away of the Cupp written by M. Jurieux.

In the last Treatise that M.

Jurieux published, he proposes to himselfe the making an Exam. de abridgment to the history of ta-Peuch. 6. Traité. 5. king away the Cupp, where al-sest. though he gives us for indisputable all that he is there pleased to impose it will be easy for us to dectet almost as many falsityes as he has mentioned matters of fact.

He proposes nothing new upon the Gospels and the Epis-

280 A Treatife of Communion tles of Saint Paul concerning which we have sufficiently spoken. From the Apostles times he passes to the following ages, where he showes without difficulty, that the use of the two species was ordinary. But he soon perceived that he brought nothing against us if he faid nothing else: for he knows very well we mentain that at the same time the two species, were in practise they were not beleived so necessary but that they communicated as often and as publickly under one only, without any ones complaint. To take away this our defence, and to fay something concluding, it did not suffise to assure us that the use of the two species was frequent but he ought also to asfure us that it was regarded a indispensable, and that they

under both Species. 281 never communicated after any other manner. M. Jurieux found that he ought to fay this: he has faid it in effect; but he has not so much as offered to proove it, so much did he dispaire of succeding in it. Only by a bold, and vehement affirmation, he thought he might supply the defect of a proof which he wanted: It is (faye he) a thing notoriously known, and that as no need of proof, tis a matter not in the least questioned. These affirmative manner of speeches impose upon men: the Pretended Reformers beleive a Minister upon his word, and cannot imagin he dars venture to avouch any thing as not contested when de facto it is. Nevertheless the truth, is that there is not any thing not only more contested, but also more false then that which M. Ju282 A Treatife of Communion rieux gives us here as for indisputable as equally confessed

by both parties.

But let us consider his words as they lye with what followes. This is (fayes he) an affaire which is not contested. During the space of above a thousand yeares, none in the Church, had ever undertaken to celebrate this Sacrament, and communicate the Faithfull otherwise then the Lord had commanded it, that is to fay under both species; except when to communicate the fick with more facility, some undertooke to moisten the bread in the wine, and to make them receive both the one and the other kinde at the same time.

The proposition and the exception are neither the onenor the other made with since-

gity.

The proposition is, that du-

under both Species. 283 ring the space of above a thoufand yeares none had ever undertaken to celebrate this Sacrament, nor to give it otherwise then under both species. He confounds at the very first two very different things, to celebrate this Sacrament and to give it. None ever celebrated it but under both species; wee grant it, and wee have shown a reason for it drawn from the nature of a Sacrifile: but that none ever gave the two species, is what wee dispute; and good ordre, not to fay fincerity, dit not permitt that these two things should be equally joyned togeather as indisputable.

But that which seemes most intolerable, is that it should be afferted that during the space of above a thousand yeares, the Communion was never given but under both species, and that this also should be a thing notorious and publick, a thing which needs no proofe, a thing which is not contested.

Wee ought to regard publick faith, and not to abuse these weighty expressions. M. Jurieux knows in his own conscience that wee deny all he here sayes : the fole titles of the articles of the first part of this discourse show clearly enough how many occasions there are where wee uphold that Communion was given under one kinde: I am not the first that have faid it (God forbid) and I do nothing but explicate what all other Catholicks have faid before me.

But can any thing be leffe fincere, then to bring here no exception from ordinary communions but only that of the

under both Species. 285 fick, and with all to finde there no difference but in this that they then mixed the two species togeather : seeing M.Jurieux would relate nothing but what is not contested by Catholicks, he ought to speake after another manner. He knows very well wee maintaine that the Communion of the fick confifted not in giving them the two species mixed, but in giving them ordinaryly the sole species of bread. He knows very well what our Authors say upon the Communion of Serapion, upon that of Saint Ambrose, upon others which I have remarked; and that in a word wee fay the ordinary manner of communicating the fick was to communicate them under one sole species. It is already to much to dare to deny a matter of fact so well established: but to advance this boldnesse to such a height as to say the contrary is not contested, is what I know not how M. Jurieux could resolve

upon.

But what is it he would be at, when he affirmes, as a thing not contested by us, that during the space of above a thoufand yeares the Communion was never given otherwise then under both species, except in the Communion of the sick where both the species were given mixed togeather. What a strange kind of exception is this, Both species were alwayes given, except when they gave them both mixed togeather. M. Jurieux would willingly have faid much better then he did. But in affirming, as he does, that during the space of above a thousand yeares they never

In fine, wherefore speakes he only of the Communion of the sick? Whence comes it that in this relation he has said nothing of the Communion of infants, and domestick

red, and fell into a manifest

labarynth.

288 A Treatife of Communion Communion, both which he knows verry well wee alledge as given under one species only. Why do's he dissemble what our Authors have maintained, what I have proved after them by the Decrees of Saint Leo and Saint Gelasius; that it was free to communicate under one or both species, I fay in the Church it selfe, and at the publick Sacrifile? Was M. Jurieux ignorant of these things to say nothing of the rest? Was he ignorant of the Office of Good Friday, and of the Communion then and there under one sole species? A man so learned as he. did he not know what was writ concerning this by Amalarius and Authors of the VIII. and IX. ages, whom wee have quoted ? To know thefe things and to affirme as an indispautble

disputable practise, that during the space of above a thousand yeares the Communion was never given but under both species: is it not manifestly to be tray the truth, and defile his own conscience?

The other Authors of his Communion who have writ against us act with more fincerity. Calixtus, M. du Bourdieu and the others endeavour to answer those objections wee make. M. Jurieux followes another method, and contents himselfe to say boldly, That during the space of above a thoufand yeares none ever undertooke to communicate the faithfull other wife then under both fpecies, and that this matter is not contested. This is the shortest way; and the fureft to deceiwe the simple. But wee must beleeve that those who love their salvation, will open their eyes and not suffer themselves to be any longer imposed on.

M. Jurieux has but one only remaning refuge: to witt, that these Communions so frequent in the antient Church under one species were not the Sacrament of Jesus-Christ, any more then the Communion which is given in their Churches in bread alone to those who drinke no wine. In anfwering after this manner, he would have answered according to his principles, I confesse: but after all I maintaine he had not the boldnesse to make use of this answer, nor to impute to the antient Church this monstrous practise where a Sacrament is given which is in reality no Sacrament, but an humain invention in Communion.

under both Species. Neverthelesse in a history fuch as he had promifed it was his businesse to have alwayes related these considerable matters of fact. He fays not one word of them in his narrative I wonder not at it, for he could not have spoken of so many important practises, without showing that there was at the least a great contestation betwixt them and us; and it pleafed him to say, that it is a thing which has no need of proofe, and is not contested.

It is true that in another place in answering objections, he speakes a word or two of domestick Communion. But he comes of in answering that it this section not certain whether those who will the carried away with them the Eucharist after this manner, carried not also the wine, and that this later is much more likely. It is

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292 A Treatise of Communion not certain: this last is much more apparent. Certainly a man thus positive as he is diffides verry much of his cause when he speakes at this rate; but at least, seing he doubts, he ought not to say that it is a matter without contestation, that no body ever undertooke during above a shousand yeares to communicate the Faithfull otherwise then under both species. Behold even in the first ages of the Church an infinite number of Communions that he himselfe durst not affirme to have been under both species. It was an abuse, fayes he. What then? the pra-Rise was to be related; the question concerning the abuse would come after, and wee should then fee whether or no it were fitt to condemne fo many Martyrs, fo many other Saints, and the whole primitive Church which practifed this domestick Communion.

M. Jurieux cuts of the discourse with too much confidence: Is there the least sincerity (sayes he) to draw a proofe from a practise opposed to that of the Apostles, which is condemned at present, and which would passe in the Church of Rome for

the worst of crimes?

Was it not his businesse here again to make the world beleeve that wee condemne togeather with him and his the
practise of so many Saints as
contrary to that of the Apost
tles? But wee are far from such
horrible temerity. M. Jurieux
knows it very well; and a man
who boasts thus much of sincerity, ought to have so much
of it as to take notice that the
Church (as I have showne elsewhere) dos not condemne

all the practife of Communion all the practifes she changes; and that the Holy-Ghost who guides her, makes her not only condemne ill practises, but also to quitt good ones, and forbid them severely, when they are abused.

I beleeve the falsity of this History which M. Jurieux gives us of the first ages of the Church for a eleaven hundred or a thousand yeares appeares sufficiently: what he sayes of following times is no lesse

contrary to truth.

I have no neede to speake of the manner how he relates the establishment of the reall presence and Transubstantiation during the X. age: that is not to our present subject, and otherwise nothing obliges us to resure what he advances without proofe. But that which is to be remarked is, that he re-

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under both Species. 295 gards Communion under one kind as a thing which was not introduced but by presuppofing Transubstantiation. All in good time: when therefore it shall henceforth appeare (as wee have invincibly shown) that Communion under one species was practifed even in the first ages of the Church, and in the times of the Martyrs, it can be no more doubted but that Transubstantiation was also at that time establised; and M. Jurieux himselfe will be obliged to grant this consequence. But let us retourne to what follows in his Hiftory.

He shows us there Communion under one species, as a thing first thought of in the eleaventh age, after the reall presence and Transubstantiation had been well established: Bid. 470.

296 A Treatise of Communion For then they perceived (fayes he) that under a crumme of bread, as well as under every drop of wine, the whole Flesh and all the Blood of our Lord were included. What happened upon it? Let us heare: This false reason prevailed in such a manner over the institution of our Lord, and over the practise of the whole antient Church, that the custome of communicating under the fole species of Bread was insensibly established in the XII. and XIII. ages. It was infensibly established; fo much the better for us. What I have faid then is true, that the people reduced themselves without contradiction and without difficulty to the fole species of Bread, so well were they prepared by the Communion of the fick, by that of infants, by that which was received at home, by that which was practifed in the Church it selfe, and finally by all those practises were have seen, to acknowlege a true and perfect Communion under one

fpecies.

This is an untoward and troublesome businesse for our Reformers: They have great reafon indeed to boast of these infensible changes where in they putt the whole stresse of. their cause; they never yet produced, neither will they ever produce one example of fuch a change in effentiall matters. That indifferent matters should be insensibly changed and without contradiction, is no fuch great wonder : but (as wee have faid) the faith of the people, and those practises which are beleeved essentiall to Religion are not so easily changed. For then Tradition, the

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antient beliefe, custome it selfe, and the Holy Ghost who animates the Body of the Church oppose themselves to his novelly. When therefore a change is made without difficulty, and without being perceived, it is a signe the matter was never believed to be so necessary.

M. Jurieux saw this consequence; and after having said

that the custome of communicating under the sole species of bread was establised insensibly in the XII. and XIII. age, he adds immediately after: It was not however without resistance; the people could not suffer without great impatience that they should take from them halfe of Jesus-

CHRIST; they murmured in all parts. He had said a little before that this change, (verty different from those which are made after an insensible man-

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under both Species. 200 ner, without opposition, and without noise) was on the contrary made with great noise and splendour. These Gentlemen answer things as best pleases them: the present difficulty transports them; and beeing preffed by the objection, they say at that moment what seemes most to disentangle them from it, without much reflecting whether it agree, I do not fay with truth, but with their own thoughts. The cause it selfe demands this, and wee must not expect that an errour can be defended after a consequent manner. This is the state in which M. Jurieux found himselfe. This cuftome, fays he, that is to fay this of communicating under one kind, was insensibly established; nothing can be more quiet and tranquile. It was not neverthelesse without re300 A Treatife of Communion fistance, without noise, w thout the greatest impatience, without murmuring on all fides; behold a grand commotion Truch made him candidly speake the first, and the adhesion to his cause made him say the other. In effect nothing can be found of these universall murmurs, of these extreame impatiences, of these re-Estances of the people ; and this induceth to the establising an insensible change. On the other side it must not be said that a practife which is represented so strange, so unheard of, so evidently facrilegious, was eftablished without repugnance, and without taking any notice of it. To avoid this inconvenience a refistance must be imagined, and, if none can be found, invented

But furthermore what could be the subject of these univer-

under both Species. 301 fall murmurings? M Jurieux has told us his thoughts of them: but in this point he coheares as little with himfelfe as in all the rest. That which caused these murmurings, is (sayes he) that the people suffered with the greatest impatience that they should be deprived of one halfe of JESUS-CHRIST. Has he forgot what he even now faid, that the reall prefence had made them fee that under each crumme of bread the Ibid. p. 469. whole Flesh and all the Blood of JESUS-CHRIST Were contained? Dos he reflect upon what he is presently about to say, that if the doctrine of Transfub- sett. VI. p. Stantiation and of the reall pre- 480. sence be true, it is true also that the bread containes the Flesh and the Blood of JESUS-CHRIST? Where then was this half of Jesus-Christ taken away,

which the people suffered (according to him) with the highest impatience? If a man will have them make complaints, let him at least afford them matter conformable to their sentiments, and such as carrys a face of probability.

But in reality there was none. Nor dos M. Jurieux shew us any in the Authors of that time. The first contradiction is that which gave occasion to the decision of the Councile of Constance in the yeare 1415. It begun in Bohemia (as wee have feene) about the end of the XIV. age : and, if according to the relation of M. Jurieux, the custome of communicating under one fole species begun in the X1. age, if they do not begin to complaine, and that in Bohemia only, but towards the end of the

MIV. age; by the acknowledgement of this Minister, three
hundred whole yeares should
be passed, before a change so
strange, so bold, if wee beleeve him, so visibly opposite to
the institution of Jesus Christ
and to all precedent practises,
should have made any noise.
Beleive it that will: for my part
I am sensible, that to beleeve it,
all remorse of conscience must
be stifled.

M. Jurieux must without doubt have some of them, to see himselfe forced by the badnesse of his cause to disguise truth so many wayes in an historicall relation, that is, in a kind of discourse which above all others requires candor and sincerity.

He do's not so much as state v. sea. g. the question sincerely. The sta-464. te of the question (says he) is

3 04 A Treatise of Communion very easy to comprehend he will then I hope declare it clearely and diff netly. Let us fee. It is granted (adds he) that when they communicate the faithfull, as well the people as the Clergy. they are obliged to give them the Bread to eate : but they pretend it is not the same as to the Cupp. He will not so much as dreame that wee beleeve Communion equally vallid and perfect under eather of the two species. But beeing willing by the very state of the question to have it understood that wee beleive more perfection or more necessity in that of the Bread then in the other, or that JEsus- CHRIST is not equally in them both : he would thereby render us manifestly ridiculous. But he knows verry well that wee are far from these phancyes; and it may be seene

under both Species. in this Treatife, that wee beleeve the Communion given to little children during so many ages under the fole species of wine, as good and vallid as that which was given in fo many other occurrences under the fole species of Bread. So that M. Jurieux states the queftion wrong. He begins his difpute concerning the two species upon that question so stated: He continues it by a hiftory where wee have seene he advances as many fallityes as facts. Behold here the man whom our Reformers looke upon at present every where as the strongest defendour of their cause.

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A reflection upon concomitancy, and upon the doctrine of the fixth chapter of Saint Johns Gospel.

F wee add to the proofs of I those practises which wee have drawn from the most pure and holy source of antiquity, and to those folid maximes wee have established by the consent of the Pretended Reformers; if wee add I say to all these, what wee have already said, but which it may be has not been sufficiently weighed, that the reall presence being supposed, it cannot be denyed but that each species containes J E sus- C H RI ST whole and entire: Communion under one species will remaine undoubted, there being no-

under both Species. thing more unreasonable then to make the grace of a Sacrament, where Jesus-Christ has wouchsafed to be present, nor to depend of Jesus-CHRIST himselfe, but of the species under which he is hid-

These Gentlemen of the Pretended Reformation must permitt us here to explicate more fully this concomitancy, fo much attaqued by their disputes; and seing they have let passe the reall presence as a doctrine which has no venome in it, they ought not henceforth to have such an aversion from what is but a manifest consequence of it.

M. Jurieux has acknowleged it in the places heretofore mentioned. If (fays he) the Exam. p. 410. doctrine of Transubstantiation and the reall presence were true, it is

308 A Treatise of Communion true that the Bread would containe the Flesh and Blood of JESUS-CHRIST. So that concomitancy is an effect of the reall presence, and the Pretended Reformers do not deny

us this consequence.

Let them then at present presuppose this reall presence, seing they suffer it in their brethren the Lutherans, and let them consider with us the necessary consequences: they will see that our Lord could not give us his Body and his Blood perpetually seperated, nor give us either the one or the other without giving us his person whole and entire in either of the two.

Verily when he said, Take, eat, this is my Body, and by those words gave us the slesh of his sacrifise to eate, he know yerry well he did not give us

under both Species. the flesh of a pure man, but that he gave us a flesh united to the divinity, and in a word the flesh of God and man both togeather. The same must be said of his Blood, which would not be the price of our salvation, if it were not the Blood of God; Blood which the Divine word had appropriated to himselfe after a most particular manner by making himselfe man, conformable to these words of Saint Paul : Because Heb. 11. 14. his servants are composed of flesh 17. and blood; he who ought in all things to be like unto them, would partake both of the one and the other.

But if he would not give us in his Sacrament a flesh purely humain, he would much leffe give us in it a flesh without a foule, a dead flesh, a carcase, or by the same reason

310 A Treatise of Communion a flesh despoiled of blood, and blood actually seperated from the body: otherwise he ought to dye often, and often to shed his Blood, a thing unworthy the glorious state of his Refurrection, where he ought to conferve eternally humain nature as entire as he had at first assumed it. So that he knew verry well that wee should have in his flesh his Blood, that in his Blood wee should have his flesh, and that wee should have in both the one and the other his bleffed foule with his divinity whole and entire, without which his flesh would not be quickning, nor his Blood full of spirit and grace.

Why then in giving us such great treasors, his holy soule his divinity, all that he is; why I say did he only name

under both Species. his Body, and his Blood, if it were not to make us understand it is by that infirmity, which he would have common with us, wee must arrive to his strength? And why has he in his word distinguished this Body and this Blood, which he would not effectually seperate but during that little time he was in the fepulchre, if it be not to make us also understand this Body and this Blood, with which he nourisheth and quickneth us would not have the vertue, if they had not beene once actually seperated; and if this seperation had not caused the violent death of our Saviour by which he became our victime? So that the vertue of this Body and this Blood coming from his death, he would conferve the image of this

death when he gave us them in his holy Supper, and by so lively a representation keepe us alwayes in minde to the cause of our salvation that is to say the sacrifice of the Crosse.

According to this doctrine,

wee ought to have our living victime under an image of death; otherwise wee should not be enlivened. Jesus-Christ tells us also at his holy table: I am living but I have beene dead; and living in effect I beare only upon wee the image of that death which I have endured. It is also thereby that I enliven, because by the figu-

re of my death once suffered, I introduce those who beleeve, to that life which I pos-

Apoc. 1. 18.

Thus the Lambe who is besports. 6. fore the Throne as dead, or rather, as staine, do's not cease

sesse eternally.

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to be living, for he is flanding;
and he fends throughout the
world the feaven Spirus of God,
and he takes the booke and opens
it, and he fils heaven and earth
with joy and with grace.

Our Reformers will not, or it may be cannot yet understand so high a mystery, for it enters not into the hearts but of those who are prepared by a purifyed Faith: But if they cannot understand it, they may at least understand very well, that wee cannot beleeve a reall presence of the Body and Blood of TESUS - CHRIST Without admitting all the other things wee have even now explicated; and these things thus explicated is what wee call concomitancy.

But as foone as concomitancy is supposed, and that wee have acknowledged J E s u s-

John. VI. 64. Cvr. lib. IV. in Joh. c. 34. Ia. Anath. XI. Conc. Eph. p. I. T. III. Conc.

314 A Treatise of Communion CHRIST whole and entire under each species, it is verry easy to understand in what the verrue of this Sacrament confifts. The flesh profiterh nothing : and if wee understand it as Saint Cyrille, whose sence was followed by the whole Council of Ephesus, it profiteth nothing to believe it alone, to believe it the flesh of a pure man; but to believe it the flesh of God a flesh full of divinity, and by consequence, of firit and of life; it profiteth very much, without doubt, because in this state it is full of an infinite vertue, and in it wee receive togeather with the entire humanity of Jesus-Christ, his divinity also whole and entire, and the very fource or fountaine of graces.

of God, who knew what he

under both Species. would place in his mystery, knew also very well how to make us understand in what he would place the vertue of it. What he has faid in Saint John must therefore be no more objected: If you eate not the Flesh John. 6. s. of the Son of man, and drinke not his Blood, you shall not have life in you. The manifest meaning of these words is there is no life for those who seperate themselves from the one and the other: for indeede, it is not the eating and drinking, but the receiving of JESUS-CHRIST, that gives life. JEsus-CHRIST sayes himselfe, and as it is excellently remarked by the Councill of Trent, seff. XXI. too injustly calumniated by our ". ". adversaryes: He who said, IF John. 6. 54 YOU EATE NOT THE FLESCH OF THE SON OF MAN, AND DRINKE NOT HIS BLOOD,

316 A Treatife of Communion YOU SHALL NOT HAVE LIFE IN YOU, has also said : IF ANY ONE EAT OF THIS BREAD, HE SHALL HAVE LIFE EVERLASTING. And be who said, HE WHO EATES MY FLESH, AND DRINK'ES MY BLOOD, HAS ETERNALL LIFE, has faid also: THE BREAD WHICH I WILL GIVE IS MY FLESH WHICH I WILL GIVE FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD. And laftly he who faid. HE THAT EATES MY FLESH, AND DRINKES MY BLOOD, REMAINES IN ME AND I IN HIM, has also said: HE WHO EATES THIS BREAD. SHALL HAVE ETERNALL LIFE; and againe: HE THAT EATES ME LIVES FOR ME, AND SHALL LIVE BY ME. By which he obliges us, not to the eating and drinking at his holy Table, or to the species

7bid. 5 2 .

Ibid. ss.

Ibid. 52.

Ibid. \$ 7.

Ibid. \$ 9.

16id. 58.

under both Species. which containe his Body and his Blood, but to his propper Substance, which is there communicated to us, and togeather with it grace and life.

So that this passage of Saint John from whence, as wee have faid. Jacobel tooke occasion to revolt and all Bohemia to rife in rebellion, becomes a proofe for us. The Pretended Reformers themselves would underrake to defend us, if wee would, against this passage fo much boasted of by Jacobel, feeing they owne with a common consent, this passage is not to be understood of the Eucharist. Calvin has faid it, Cal. Infl. IV. Aubertin has faid it, every one fays it, and M. du Bourdien de Sacr. Euch. favs it also in his Treatise so often cited. But without ta- p. 201. king any advantage from their acknowledgements, wee on the

Aub. lib. I. c. 30. Oc. Repl. ch. VI.

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318 A Treatife of Communion contrary with all antiquity maintaine that a passage where the Flesh and Blood as well as eating and drinking are fo often and so clearly distinguished, cannot be understood meerely of a communion where eating and drinking is the fame thing, such as is a spirituall Communion, and by faith. It belongs therefore to them, and not to us, to defend themselves from the authority of this passage, where the businesse being to explicate the vertue and the fruict of the Eucharift, it appeares that the Son of God places them not in eating and drinking, nor in the manner of receiving his Body and his Blood, but in the foundation and in the substance of both the one and the other. Whereupon the antient Fathere, for example Saint Cy-

under both Species. 319 prian, he who most certainly gave nothing but the Blood alone to little infants, as wee have feene so precisely in his Treatise De lapsis, dos not o- Test.ad Quir. mit to fay in the fame Treati- III. 25. 26. se, that the parents who led their children to the facrifiles of Idols deprived them of the Body and Blood of our Lord: and teaches also in another place that they actually fulfill and accomplish in those who have life, and by confequence in infants, by giving them nothing but the Blood, all that which is intended by these words: If you eate not my Flesh and drink not my Blood, you shall not have life in you. Saint Au- Aug. Ep 23. gustin sayes often the same thing, though he had feene and examined in one of his Epistles, that passage of Saint Cyprian where he speakes of O iiij

320 A Treatise of Communion the Communion of infants by Blood alone, without finding any thing extraordinary in this manner of communion; and that it is not to be doubted but the African Church, where Saint Augustin was Bishop, had retained the Tradition which Saint Cyprian so great a Martyr Bishop of Carthage, and Primate of Africa had left behind him. The foundation of this is that the Body and Blood inseperably accompany each other, for although the species which containe particularly the one or the other in vertue of the institution are taken seperately, their substance can be no more seperated then their vertue and their grace: in so much that infants in drinking only the Blood, do not only receive the effentiall fruit of the Eucharist, but

also the whole substance of this Sacrament, and in a word an actual and perfect Communion.

All these things shew sufficiently the reason wee have to believe that Communion under one or both species containes, togeather with the substance of this Sacrament the whole effect effentiall to it. The practife of all ages which have explained it in this manner, has its reason grounded both in the foundation of the mystery, and in the words themselves of Jesus-Christ; and never was any custome established upon more sollid foundations, nor upon a more constant practife.

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Some objections solved by the precedent Doctrine.

Reformers, who acknowlege nothing but bare fignes in the bread and wine of their Supper, endeavour by all meanes to have them both abut I am astonished that they will not understand, that in placing, as wee do, Jesus-Christ entirely under each of their sacred Symboles, wee can content our selves with one of the two.

Exam.Tr.VI. Sect. 6. p. 48 0. 48 1.

M. Jurieux objects against us, that the reall presence being supposed, the Body and the Blood would in reality be received under the Bread alone, but that yet this would not suffise, because, tis true, this would be to receive the Blood,

under both Species. 325 but not the Sacrament of the Blood: this would be to receive Jesus-CHRIST wholy. entirely, really, but not facramentally as they call it. Is it posfible that a man should believe it is not enough for a Chrisrian to receive entire Jesus-CHRIST? Is it not a Sacrament where I Esus- CHRIST is pleased to be in person thereby to bring with himselfe all his graces, to place the vertue of this Sacrament in the fignes with which he is vailed rather then in his proper person which he gives us wholy and entirely; Is not this (I fay) contrary to what he himselfe. has faid with his own mouth, he who eates of this Bread shall John. 6. 57.58. bave eternall life , (and) , he who eates me shall live for me, and by me, as I my selfe live for my Father and by my Father?

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But if M. Jurieux maintaine in despite of these words, that it dos not suffise to have JEsus-CHRIST if wee have not in the Sicrament of his Body and his Blood the perfect image of his death; as he do's nothing in that but repete an objection alread cleared, so I send him to the answers I have given to this argument, and to the undeniable examples I have fet down, to shew that by the avouched confession of his Churches, when the substance of the Sacrament is received, the ultimate perfection of its fignification is no more necesfary. But if this principle be true even in those very Sacraments were Jesus-CHRIST is not really and substantially contained as in that of Baptifme : how much the rather is it certain in the Eucharist,

where Jesus-Christ is present in his person, and what is it he can desire more, who

possesses him entirely?

But in fine, will some say, there must not be such arguing upon expresse words. Seing it is y ur sentiment that the VI. chapter of Saint John ought to be understood of the Eucharift, you cannot dispence with your selves in the practife of it as to the letter, and to give the Blood to drinke as well as the Body to eat, feing JESUS-CHRIST has equally prononced both of the one and of the other, If you eat not my Body and drinke not my Blood, you shall have no life in YOU.

Let us once stop the mouths of these obstinate and contentious spirits, who will not understand these words of Jesus326 A Treatife of Communion CHRIST by their whole connexion. I demande of them whence it comes they do not by these words believe Communion absolutely necessary for the salvation of all men, vea even of little infants newly baptifed. If nothing must be explicated let us give to them the Communion as well as to others, and if it must be explicated, let us explicate all by the same rule. I say by the same rule, because the same principle and the same authorite from which wee learne that Communion in generall is not necessary to the salvation of those who have received Baptisme, teach us that the particular Communion of the Blood is not necessary to those who have been already partakers of the Body. The principle which shews

under both Species. 329 es that the Communion is not necessary to the salvation of little infants baptized, is that they have already received the remission of sins, and a new life in Baptisme, because they have beene thereby regenerated and sanctifyed : in so much that if they should perish for want of being communicated they would perish in the ftate of innocence and grace. The fame principle shews also, that he who has received the Bread of life, has no neede of receiving the facred Blood, feing, as wee have frequently demonstrated, he has received togeather with the Bread of life the whole substance of the Sacrament, and togeather with that substance the whole essentiall vertue of the Eucharist.

The substance of the Euchanist is Jesus-Christ him-

felfe: The vertue of the Eucharist is to nourish the soule, to conserve therein that new life it has received in Baptisme, to consirme the union with Jesus-Christ, and to replenish even our bodyes with sanctity and life: I aske whether in the very moment the Body of our Lord is received, all these effect be not likewise received, and whether the Blood can add thereunto any thing essentials.

Behold what regards the principle: let us come now to what

regards the authority.

des us that Communion is not fo necessary to the salvation of little infants as Baptisme, is the authority of the Church. It is in effect this authority which carryes with it in the Tradition of all ages, the true mea-

ander both Species. 329 ning of the Scripture; and as this authority has taught us that he who is baptifed wants not any thing necessary to salvation, so dos it also teach us that he who receives one fole species, wants none of those effects which the Eucharist ought to produce in us: From hence in the very primitive times they communicated either under one or under both species, without believing they hazarded any thing of that grace which they ought to receive in the Sacrament. Wherefore, though it be writt,

If you do not eate my Body and John. 6. 54. drinke my Blood, you shall have no life in you; it is also writt after the same manner, If a John. 3. 8. man be not regenerated of water and the Holy Ghost, he shall not enter into the Kingdome of God:

The Church hath not under-

330 A Treatise of Communion Roud an equall necessity in these rwo Sentences: on the contrary she alwayes understood that Baptisme which gives life is more necessary then the Eucharift which conferves it. But as nourishment followes birth. if the Church had not known her selfe taught by God, she durst not any longtime refuse to Christians regenerated by Baptisme that nourishment which Jesus- CHRIST has prepared for them in the Eucharift. For neither Jesus-CHRIST nor the Apostles hawe ordained any thing left by writing concerning it. The Church then has learnt by another way, but alwayes equally certain, what she cangive or take away without doing any injury to her children, and they have nothing 20 do but to rely upon her faith.

under both Species. 332 Let not our adversaryes thinke they can avoid the force of this argument, under pretence that they do not understand these two passages of the Gospel as wee do. I know very well they do neither understand of Baptisme with water this pasfage where it is faid, If you be not regenerated or borne again of water and the Holy Spirit. nor of the eating and drinking of the Eucharist this other where it is writt, If you eat not and drinke not : so that they finde themselves no more obliged by these passages to give the Eucharist then Baptisme to little infants. But without preffing too close upon these passages, let us make them only this demande. This precept, Eat you this, and drinke you all of it, which you think is for universall, dos it comprehend

332 A Treatife of Communion little children that are baptized? If it comprehend all Christians, what words of Scripture exclude little children? Are they not Christians? Woust wee give the victory to the Anabaptists who fay they are not, and condemne all antiquity which has acknowledged them as fuch? But why do you except them from fo generall a precept without any authority of Scripture? In a word, upon what foundation has your Discipli-Discip. ch. 12. ne made this precise law, Children under twelve yeares old, shall not be admitted to the Supper: but for those above that age 1. Con. 11. 12. it shall be left to the discretion of the Ministers, &c. Your children are they not Christians before that age? Do you reject them till that age, becaufe Saint Paul has faid : Let & man prove himselfe, and so les

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under both Species. 333 him eate? But wee have already seene that it is no lesse precisely written, Teach and ba-Math. 28. prize; he that shall believe, and Marke. 16. be baptized; do pennance and receive Baptisme : And if your Catechisme interpret that it Dim. so. ought to be only in regard of fuch as are capable, why shall wee not fay as much of the proofe recommended by the Apostle? Be it as it will, the Apostle dos not decide which is the age proper for this probation. One is at the age of reason before he is twelve yeares old, one may before this age both fin and practife vertue: why do you dispence with your children in a divine precept wherof they are capable ? If you fay that Jesus-CHRIST has remitted that to the Church, show me that permission in Scripture; or belieye with us that all that which is necessary to the understanding and practise the Gospel is not written, and that wee must rely upon the authority of the Church.

§ XI.

A reflection upon the manner how the Pretended Reformers make use of Scripture.

Bafil. de Sp. S. c. 27.

S AINT Basile advertises us that those who dispise unwritten Traditions do at the same time dispise the Scriptures themselves which they boast to follow in all things. This misfortune has arrived to the Gentlemen of the Pretended Reformed Religion: They speake to us of nothing but of Scripture and boast they have established all the practises of their Church upon this rule.

noter both Species. 335 Notwithstanding they easily dispense with many important practises which were read in expresse tearmes in Scripture.

They have taken away the James s. 1. Extreame-Unction foe expression fely ordained in the Epistle of Saint James, tho this Apostle has annexed to it so cleare a promis of the remission of sins.

They negled the imposition of hands practised by the A-postles towards all the faithfull in giving the Holy Ghost, and as if this divine Spirit ought not to descende otherwise then visibly, they dispise the ceremony by which he was given because he is now no more given after this visible manner.

They have no greater eftee. Discip. ch. 72 me for the imposition of hands, serv. by which the Ministers were ordained. For although they

Poit. 1580. Par. 1565.

336 A Treatife of Communion do ordinarily practife it, they declare in their Discipline they do not believe it essentiall. and that one might dispense with a practife fo clearly fet downe in Scripture. Two nationall Synods have decided there was no necessity of making use of it; and neverthelesse one of these Synods adds, they ought to make it their businesse to conforme to one another in this ceremony, because it is expedient for edification, conformable to the custome of the Apostles, and to the practife of the antient Church. So that the cuftome of the Apostles manifestly written and in so many places in the words of God, is no more a law to them then the practife of the antient Church: to beleive ones selfe obliged to this custome is a superstition reprehended in their discipli-

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under both Species. ne . fuch false ideas do they frame to themselves of Religion and christian liberty.

But why do wee speake here of particular articles ? The whole state of their Church is visibly contrary to the word

of God.

I do here with them tearme conf. de Fog the state of the Church the art. 31. society of Pastors and people which wee see there established: this is that which is called the state of the Church in their confession of Faith, and they there declare that this state is founded upon the extraordinary vocation of their first Reformers. In vertue of this article of their Confession of Faith, one of their nationall Synods has decided, that when the question shall be concerning the vocation of their Pastors who have reformed the Church,

338 A Treatife of Communion or concerning the establishment of the anthority they had to reforme and to teach, it must be referred, according to the XXXI. article of the Confession of Faith, to an extraordinary vocation by which God interiourly pushed them on to their ministery : yet in the mean time they neither prove by any miracle that God did push them interiourly to their ministry, neither do they prove, which is yet more effentiall) by any text of Scripture that such a vocation should ever have place in the Church : from whence it followes that their Pastors have no authority to preach, according to these words of Saint Rem. 10. 15. Paul, How shall they preach unleffe they be fent, and that the whole state of their Church is

without foundation,
They flatter themselves with

under both Species. this vain thought, that JESUS-CHRIST has left a power to the Church to give her selfe a forme, and to establish Pastors when the fuccession is interrupted; this is what M. Jurieux and M. Claude endeayour to prove without finding any thing that resembles it in Scripture, seing on the Conerary Jesus-Christ has faid, As my Father fent me, fo John. 20. 21. fend I you, and Saint Paul an Apostle by JESUS-CHRIST Gal. 1. 1. 60. did establish Titus so as that Tit. 1. 5. he might afterwards establish others, in such fort that the mission came wholy from JEsus CHRIST fent from God. Behold what wee finde in Scripture; and what they would fay at present of the authority. of the people is but a meere illusion.

The same errour induces the P ij Ministers to say the Church has the liberty to fraime Ecclesissicall governement as she thinkes fitt; to take away or retaine Episcopacy; to make Antients and Deacons for a time, that is to say, send them back at pleasure to a common secular life after having consecrated them to God; to give them power to decide what concernes doctrine togeather with the Pastors in equality of suffrages, that is to say, to admit them without being Paftors (for they are not so upon any account in the new reforme) to a function the most effentiall to Postorall authority: all which wee finde in their discipline and in their Synods, without fo much as one fole text of Scripture, to second

them either in these or in the power it selfe which they vain-

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Ch. 3. des Anciens & Diacres. art. 6.7. & Ob-Serv.

under both Species. ly attribute to themselves of disposing all things according

to their own phancy.

In these matters and in many others which I could remarke, they have not only no holy Scripture for them, as they are obliged: but moreover they dispense with themselves to follow it, without having neither any reason or Tradition to support them. On the contrary Tradition has alwayes received both Extreame - Unction and the imposition of hands, (as well that which is given to all the faithfull, as that which is made use of for the consecration of the Ministers of the Church, and the successive misfion of her Pastors) and likewife those other things which our Reformers have dispised. In this their licence is excellive; but it ought at least to

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render them more equitable towards us, whilst in the administration of the Sacraments the wee receive for a legitimate interpreter of Scripture constant Tradition and universals practise of the Church.

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Occurring difficultyes: vain subtilityes of the Calvinists, and of M. Jurieux: the judgment of antiquity concerning concomitancy: reverence exhibited to Jesus-Christ in the Eucharist: the doctrine of this Treatise confirmed.

W Ee should here have finish this discourse, if charity which urges us to procure the salvation of these Gentlemen of the Pretended Reformed Religion, did not oblige us to remove some scruples, which the perusall of these practises, I have related, may perchance have raised in their mindes.

It is incessantly inculcated by the Ministers, that this concomitancy, upon which wee establish the validity of Communion under one species, is a mystery unknown to the antient Church, where none ever mentioned as a matter of faith that togeather with the Body of our Lord, his Blood, his Soule and his Divinity were necessarily received. They add that this doctrine of concomitancy being, according to us, a necessary sequell of the reall presence, it may be beleeved that this reall prefence was unknown where they know not this concomitancy.

The Ministers retort upon us P iii 344 A Treatise of Communion those precautions wee alledge in our own behalfe. Wee do not finde, fay they, in the antient Church any of these precautions now established in these later ages for keeping the Eucharist, for exciting the people to adore it, for hindring leaft it should be let fall upon that ground. This feare (add they) was no impediment for fo many ages to the giving the Communion in botk kinds to all the people; and these new precautions ferve for nothing but to let us fee they have a different opinion of the Eucharist from that of the primitive times.

For a conclusion they tell us, that wee have given our selves an uselesse trouble in proving with so much paines it is free to communicate under one or boath species, seing all that under both Species. 345 can arise from this proofe is that at last wee must leave the choice to the people, and not restrain a liberty which Jesus-Christ himselfe has given them.

But to begin with this objection which seemes the most plausible: who on the other side dos not see more cleare then the day that it is in the power of the Church to make choice of one part in things which are free, and that when she has chosen that, it ought not to be permitted to contemne her decrees? Saint Au- Ep. ad Jan. gustin has very often affirmed, lib. de Bapt. it is an insupportable folly not to follow what has been regulated by a generall Council or by the univerfall custome of the Church. But if our Reformers be not disposed to believe Saint Augustin in this;

346 A Treatise of Communion will they themselves allow that any one of theirs who, under pretense that Baptisme was so long given by immersion, should doubt with the Anabaptists of the validity of his Baptisme, and should be so obstinate as either to make himselfe be rebaptized, or at the least to make his children be baptized according to the antient practife? But if he should require the Communion should be given his son but yet an infant under pretence, that it was given to little children during a thousand yeares, would they esteeme themselves obliged to condescende to his desire? On the contrary would they not treat fuch an one and all like him, as unquiet and turbulent fpirits who trouble the peace of the Church? Would they not tell them with the Apos-

under both Species. 347 tre : If any one among ft you be 1. Cor. 11. 16. contentious, wee and the Church of God have not this custome; and, if they have never fo little ingenuity, would they not finde in this fole passage enough to make them submit to the authority of the customes of the Church? Nay further, it is certain that the antient Church, although she baptized little infants which were presented to her, yet did not alwayes with the outmost rigour oblige their parents to present them at that age, upon condition they baprized them when in danger; and the Ecclesiasticall history lets us see many Catecumens of a more advanced age without the Church having forced them to be sooner baptized. The Pretended Reformers who believe not the necessity of Baptisme, and cannot proDiscip.ch.XI. de Bapt.art. XVI. & Observat.

348 A Treatise of Communion duce any divine precept which obliges it to be given to infants, are much more free in this matter. This freedome has it hindred the severe regulations of their Discipline, which obliges parents under the paine of the most rigourouse censures to prefent their little children to be baptized? Let them grant with us that the Church can make lawes in indifferent matters; and if they acknowledge from fo many examples that Communion under one or both fpecies is of this kind, let them cease to cavill with us, and to give themselves an uselesse trouble about this matter.

But it may be they would fay, that in these practises I have related, those who communicated sometimes under one species, communicated also sometimes under the other; which

under both Species. 349 Suffices in the whole to accomplish the precept of our Lord: as if our Lord would at the same time inspire us with a firme faith that wee loofe nothing by takind one species only, and yet oblige us under paine of damnation to receive them both; a cavill fo manifest that it dos not merit to be refured.

Wee must therefore at length examin once again what is efsentiall to the Eucharist, and prescribe our selves a rule to understand it aright. This is what these Gentlemen will never do, if they come not back to our principles and to the authority of Tradition. M. Ju- Exem T.FI. rieux goes too far when he pro- feet. s. p. 405. poses for a rule according to the principles of his Religion, to doe universally all that IEsus-CHRIST did, in such fort that wee should regard

350 A Treatife of Communion all circumstances be observed, as being of absolute necessity. Thefe are his own words. He alleges to this purpose the antient Passeover of the Jewes, where after having cut the throat of a lambe in the mor-Bid. Sed. c. ning, another was to have his throat cutt in the evening, to be reafted, to be eaten with bitter hearbs, to be consumed the same night, and nothing of it to be reserved till the following day. He represents the necessity of all these ceremonyes, and not only the substance but all the circumstances. This word of JEsus-CHRIST, Do this, makes him conclude the fame of the Eucharift. So that wee should be restrained, according to his principles, to all that JESUS-CHRIST did, and not only to bread and wine, but

moreover to the hour, and to

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the whole manner of receiving Sup. 2. p. art. it; and the rather because (as VI. p. 286. wee have seene) every one had its reason, and mistery, as well as that which Moyses ordained concerning the antient Passeover. Neverthelesse how many things have wee remar-1666. ked which neither these Ministers nor wee observe? But beholde one which I omitted, and which may in this place give great light.

Amongst other things which our Lord observed in the last Supper, one of those which the Calvinists believe as most necessary, is the breaking of the bread. The Lutherans are of a contrary opinion, and make use of round breads which they breake not. This is a matter of great contest betwixt these Gentlemen. The Calvinists lay much stresse upon this that the

352 A Treatise of Communion Evangelists and Saint Paul do of one common accord write T. Cor. 11. 24. that the Same night Jesus CHRIST was delivered to the fewes, he tooke bread, bleffed it, brooke it, and gave it. They infifte much upon this breaking of the bread, which according to them reprefents that the Boby of our Lord was broken for us upon the Crosse, and remarke with great care that Saint Paul, after ha-F. Cer. 11.24. Ving faid that JESUS broke bread, makes him fay according to the Greeke text, This is my Body broken for you; to shew, as they pretend, the reference this Bread broken has to the Body immolated. So that this breaking appeares to them necessary to the mystery; and this is it which makes those of Heidelberg say in their Cate-Catech. Heid. 94. 75. chisme much esteemed by those of their party, that as truly as

ander both Species. 353 they see the bread of the Supper broken to be given to them, fo truly has JESUS-CHRIST been

offered and broken for us.

There was a proposall made for an accord or union with the Lutherans, and a confe- collog. Cafel rence was held for this about 47. 1661. twenty yeares fince, that is in the yeare 1661. The Calvinists of Marpourg hereupon found quickly a distinction, and in the declaration which they gave to the Lutherans of Rintell, they said, that the breaking appertained not to the effense but on'y to the integrity of the Sacrament, as beeing necessary because of the example and command of JEsus-CHRIST: fo that the Lutherans ceased not to have, without this breaking of the Bread, the substance of the Supper, and thus they might mutually tolerate one another. The Calvinists have not

354 A Treatife of Communion beene, that I know of, reprehended by any of theirs, and the nnion which was made had on their fide its entire effect : in fo much that they cannot hereafser infift upon the words of the institution feing one may by their own acknowledgement have the substance of the Supper without entirely subjecting himselfe to the institution, example and expresse command of our Lord What would they fay if we should make use of fuch an answer? But as all is permitted to the Lutherans fo all is insupportable amongst Catholicks.

The other objections carry no greater weight and are as eafily folved.

The concomitancy upon which the Roman Church grounds Communion under one species is not (fay you)

under both Species. found in antiquity. First what I have drawn from the ancient Church to establish this Communion, is matter of fact; and if Communion under one species suppose concomitancy togeather with the reality, it followes from thence that both the one and the other were believed in antiquity where Communion under one kind was fo frequent. Secondly, Gentlemen, open your own bookes, open Aubertin the most learnest Aub. lib. III. defendor of your doctrine: you 505.530.530. will finde there in almost eve- or. ty page passages taken from Amb. lib. I. Saint Ambrole, from Saint in Luc. Cyr. Hierof. Chrysostome, from the two cat. s. myft. Cyrilles and from many others, Greg. Nyff. where you may read that in cyr. Alex. our Lord they received his per- chryf hom. fon it selfe, seing they received 11.83. in Mar. (fay they) the King in their cerd. 4. orc.

356 A Treatife of Communion hands : they received J B s u s-CHRIST and the Word of God: they received his Flesh as living; not as the flesh of a meere man, but as the Flesh of a God. Is not this to receive the Divinity togeather with the Humanity of the Son of God, and in a word his entire person? After this what would you call concomitan y.

As for those precautions used

least the Eucharist should be let fall upon the ground, there needes only a little fincerity to acknowledge they are as antient as the Church her selfe. Auber-Orig.in Exod. tin will show you them in Origines : in S. Cyrill of Jerusalem, and in Saint Augustin not to Aug. so bo- mention others. You will fee Aub. lib. 11. in these holy Doctors (expresfions strange to the ear of Reformere viz) that to let full the least particles of the Eu-

bom. 13. Cyr. Hier. Cat s. myft. mil. 26. P. 431. 432.

charift, is as if one should let fall gold and pretious stones, is as if one should prejudice even his owne limbes; is as if one should let slip the word of God which is annonced to us, and wilfully loose this seede of life, or rather the eternall truth it brings us.

There needs no more to con- Exam. T. VI. found M. Juricux. At that ti- fed. s. p. 469. me, sayes he, that is to say in the eleaventh age when, according to him, Transsubstantiation was established, they begun to thinke of the consequences of Transfubstantiation. When men were persuaded that the Body of our Lord was contained whole and entire under each little dropp of wine they were seized with a feare least it should be (pile. If then this feare of effusion seized also our Forefathers from the primitive ages of the

believe Transsubstantiation and all its consequences. M. Jurieux goes on: They trembled to thinke the adorable Body of our Lord should lye upon the ground amongst dust and dirt, wuhout a possibility of taking it up. If the Fathers have trembled to thinke of it as well as they, then had they according to him the fame beliefe. He is never weary of shewin us this feare of effusion as a necessary consequence of the beliefe of the reall presence. This reason (sayes he) that is to fay that which is drawn from the feare of effufion, may be proper for them, that is to fay for the Carholicks: but it is of no account to us who do not acknowledge that the Flesh and Blood of our Saviour are really contained under Bread and Wine. You see,

358 A Treatife of Communion Church, then did they already

Ibid. Sett. 7.

Gentlemen; your Ministers would feare, as well as wee, this spilling or effusion, if they believed the same reall presente the Fathers then once more believed it seing they had, as it is manifest, the same feare

and apprehension.

It is in vaine that M. Jurieux Cooffs at this feare. In an age Ibid. 419. (fayes he) when men were not as they are at present ashamed to carry upon their faces the character or marke of their fexe, they dipped a great beard into the facred Cupp, and carryed back with them a multitute of Bodyes of JESUS-CHRIST which hang at each haire. This gave them borrour, and I finde they had reason. This fine phancy pleafed him. I am in paine (fayes P. 415. he in another place) to conceive how the Faithfull of the antient Church dit not tremble to

360 A Treatife of Communion fee fo many Bodyes of JEsus-CHRIST hang at all the hares of a great beard after receiving the facred Cupp. How came it they had not an horrour to fee this beard wiped with a handkerchief, and the Body of our Lord put into the pocket of some feaman or soldier? As if a seaman or soldier were lesse considerable in the eyes of God then other men. If this unsea-Sonable buffoon had remarked in the antient Fathers with what decency and respect they approched to the Eucharift; if he would have regarded in Saint Cyrill after what manner the faithfull at this time tafted the facred Cupp, and how they were so far from fuffering one drop of it to be lost that with respect they touched that moistnesse which remained upon their lipps to applye

Cyr. Hier. 6at. 5. myft.

under both Species. applye it to their eyes, and the other organs of the fences which they believed to be sanctified thereby: hee would have found it a thing more worthy himselfe to have candidly fet forth this act of piety, than to make his party laugh by the ridiculous description wee have now heard. But these seoffers may do their worst, their railleries can do no more injury to the Eucharist, then those of others did to the Trinity, and to the Incarnation of the Son of God; and the majesty of these mysteryes cannot be debased by fuch discourses.

M. Jurieux represents us as men who feare least there should arrive some offensive accident to the Body and Blood of our Lord. I do not perceive (sayes he) that he is better placed upon a white cloth then in the dust; and seeing wee

262 A Treatise of Communion can behold him without horrour in the mouth and stomack, wee ought not to be astonished to fee him upon the pavement. In effect to speake humanly and according to the flesh, the pavement is perhaps a place as much or more proper then our stomacks; and to speake according to faith, the glorious state of Jesus Christ at prefent dos equally elevate him above all: but respect and decency will have it, that as far as lyes in us, wee should place him, where himselfe would be. It is man that he feekes, and he is so far from having on abhorrance from our flesh, feing he created it, feing he redeemed it, seing he vallues it, that he willingly approches to fanctify it. What ever has a relation to this use, honours him, because it has a dependance

under both Species. upon that glorious quality of Saviour of man kinde. Wee do. as much as lyes in us, endeayour to hinder whatever may derogate from the veneration due to the Body and Blood of our Master; and without fearing any accident should happen prejudiciall to JESUS-CHRIST, wee avoid whatever might shew in us the least want of respect. But if our precautions cannot prevent all, wee know that Jesus-CHRIST, who is sufficiently guarded by his own Majesty, is contented with our zeale, and cannot be debased by any place. A man may railly if he will at this doetrine : but wee are so far from blushing at it, that wee blush for those who do not remember that those railleries they make use of against our precautions reflect upon the Holy Fathers no lesse cautious then wee. If it was fitting to augment them these later ages, it is not that the Eucharist hath been more honoured then in the first; but raither that piety being relaxed it was necessary it should be excited by more esticacious meanes: in such sort that these new and needfull precautions; in denoting our respects, make it appeare there has been some negligence in our conduct.

For my selfe, I easily believe that amidst the order, the silence, the gravity of antient Ecclesiasticall assemblyes, it seldome or never arrived, that the Blood of our Lord was spilt: it was only in the tumult and confusion of these last ages, that these scandals frequently arriving caused the people to desire to receive that species only which they saw

under both Species. lesse exposed to the like inconveniencies; so much the rather because in receiving it alone, they knew they lost nothing, feing they possessed him whole and entire who was the fole

object of their love.

Nevertheleffe I will not deny but that after Berengarius had rejected, (in despite of the Church of his time and the Tradition of all the Fathers) the reall presence of Jesus-CHRIST in this Sacrament, the beliefe of this mystery was (as I may fay) enlivened or animated, and that the piety of the faithfull, offended by this herely, fought how to fignalize it selfe by new testimonyes. I acknowledge in this the spirit of the Church, which did not adore Jesus- Christ nor the Holy Ghost with such illustrious testimonyes til after

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366 A Treatise of Communion hereticks had denyed their divinity. The mistery of the Eucharift ought to be in equall proportion with the rest, and Berengarius his herefy must not serve the Church lesse then that of Arius and Macedonius.

Eyr. Hier. Cat. myft. s. Amb. lib. S. c. 12. Aug. Tr. in Pf. 98. Theodor. Dial. II. Chryf. lib. VI. de Sacerd. Aug lib. II. P. 432. 803. \$22. Hift. Euch. 3. p. ch. 4. 1.341. 6 feg.

As to what concernes adoration, what necessity is there III. de Spir. that I should speake of it after so many passages of the Fathers, cited even by Aubertin, and fince him by M. de la Roque in his history of the Eucharist? Do not wee see in these passages the Eucharist adored. or rather Jesus-Christ adored in the Eucharist, and adored by the Angells themfelves whom Saint Chryfostome represents to us as bowing before JESUS-CHRIST in this mystery, and rendring him the fame respects which the Emperours Gards rendred to their Master.

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It is true, these Ministers Hist. Euch.

answer, that this adoration of III. p. ch. 4.

the Eucharist is not a souveraine seqq.

adoration rendred to the Divinity, but an inferiour adoration rendred to the sacred Symboles.

But can they show us the like adoration rendred to the water of Baptisme ? What can chrys. lib. be answered to those Passages VI. de Sawhere it appeares the adora- Theod. loc. tion rendred here is like to that at. O.C. Sup. which is rendred to the King when prefent? that this adoration is rendred to the mysteryes, as being in effect what they were believed to be, as beeing the Flesh of Jesus-CHRIST God and man? These Passages of the Antients are formall, and till fuch times as our Reformers have comprehended them so far as to be convinced of it, they will at least see this inferiour worship, upon which

368 A Treatife of Communion they make so many cavills; they will see a worship distinguished from the supreme worship; yet neverthelesse a religious one, feing it makes a part of the divineservice, and of the reception thus of the Holy Sacraments. By justifying themselves so so concerning the Eucharist, they take from themselves all wayes or meanes of accusing us in relation to Reliques, Images, and the veneration of Saints. So true it is that their Church and Religion resembles a ruinous Aructure, which cannot, as I may fay, be covered on one fide, without beeing exposed on the other, and can never exhibit that perfect integrity, and proportion of parts which compose the beauty and solidity of a Building.

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